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WORK ON CENTRAL VISTA TO CONTINUE: HC

Describing the Central Vista Avenue redevelopment as a "vital and essential" project of national importance, the Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed the plea against it, saying it was "motivated" and filed with "ill-intent" and "lack of bonafides". While allowing its construction, a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh imposed cost of ₹1 lakh on the petitioners who wanted the work to be halted in view of the pandemic.

GDP GROWTH AT HISTORIC LOW OF -7.3%

State of the economy

A quick look at how the economy struggled to cope with the Covid pandemic

SECTOR-WISE PERFORMANCE

Indicators	Growth rate (%) 2019-20	2020-21
Rice production	0.7	2.8
Fish production	4.4	17
Coal production	-0.4	-4.8
Crude oil production	-5.9	-5.2
Cement production	-0.9	11.9
Steel cosumption	1.5	-6.7
Telephone subscribers	-0.3	1.8
Commercial vehicle sales	-28.8	-20.8
Passenger vehicle sales	17.8	-11.7
Passengers handled at airports	-1.1	-66.2
Passengers kilometre (Railways)	-10	-88.4
Export of goods & services	-0.8	-1.7
Import of goods & services	-4.6	-11.1
Manufacturing	-1.4	-9.8
Mining	1.6	-7.8
Electricity	0.9	-0.5

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

HOW INDIA COMPARES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

Country	GDP Growth in 2020(%)
Bangladesh	3.60%
Vietnam	2.90%
China	2.30%
South Korea	-1.00%
US	-3.50%
Japan	-4.80%
Germany	-5.00%
Thailand	-6.10%
India	-7.30%
Philippines	-9.50%
UK	-9.80%

Figures for Jan-Dec 2020 except for Bangladesh (July 2020-June 2021) and India (April 2020-March 2021.

Source: World Bank, OECD, Govt data

FY21 marks the worst performance of the country's economy since 1951; major decline in private consumption and household spending

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

INDIA's economy gained another dubious distinction on Monday, with government data showing it to have contracted by 7.3% in FY21 — a four-decade low.

The GDP contraction, driven by protracted lockdowns that stifled consumption and disrupted most economic activities, however, turned out to be better than the earlier estimate of a 8% fall.

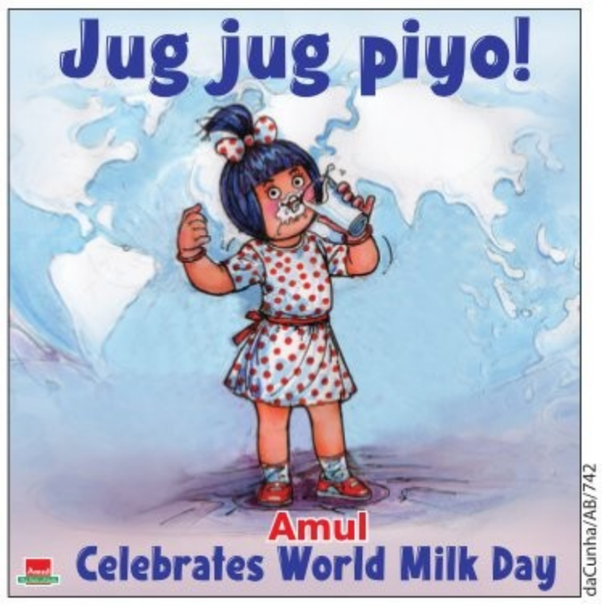
As the pandemic sent households into an economic and medical nightmare, they spent ₹7.6 lakh crore less in FY21 over the previous year cutting costs on almost everything from bread to biscuits to electronics and travel, data released by the National Statistical Office on Monday showed.

According to NSO, real GDP at constant prices stood at ₹135.13 lakh crore in FY21, against the first revised estimate of ₹145.69 lakh crore for FY20. Nominal GDP (at current prices) at ₹197.5 lakh crore for FY21 was 3% lower than ₹203.5 lakh crore in 2019-20.

On the brighter side, the economy grew 1.6% in the fourth quarter of FY21, bettering estimates of 1.1% expansion. This holds promise as private consumption, which accounts for more than half of the GDP, showed a slight uptick – from ₹21.04 lakh crore in Q4 of FY20 to ₹21.60 lakh crore.

Private investments, the second highest contributor to the GDP, also showed signs of a revival going up to ₹13.38 lakh crore in the fourth quarter from ₹12.07 lakh crore reported a year ago. For the full financial year, though, private consumptions fell ₹7.6 lakh crore in real terms to ₹75.6 lakh crore. This was mainly on account of salary cuts, job losses and high medical bills. Private investments in real term also declined from ₹47.30 lakh crore to ₹42.20 lakh crore.

"The previous lowest PFCE (private final consumption expenditure) growth was negative 2.2% in FY80 and the lowest GFCF growth was negative 9.5% in FY58," said Devendra Kumar Pant, chief economist at India Ratings. **CONTINUED ON: P10**



US top doc Vivek Murthy sends medical supplies

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

WITH the news of acute shortage of medical requirements in India reaching the United States, the family of **Dr Vivek Murthy**, Vice-Admiral in the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, has sent a shipment of oxygenators and other necessities worth over ₹1.4 crore to Mandya, which is his place of origin.

Vivek Murthy's father Lakshmi Narasimha Murthy told *The New Indian Express* that the supplies are being sent to about 12 different smaller hospitals in Madikeri and Mandya as they are not getting sufficient supplies. He said they have selected only taluk hospitals and two village PHCs. The distribution started on Monday.

Vivek's cousin Vasanth said that the materials will be given to Hallegere. Vivek's native village, Mandya, Maddur, Malavalli, Nagamangala and other places. There are also plans to construct a Covid ward at a cost of ₹1 crore, he added.

Vivek and family are also planning to send another shipment of materials worth over ₹70 lakh soon.

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TAC bats for stricter, extended lockdown

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Covid has recommended to the Karnataka government to make the present lockdown stricter and to continue it even after June 7. It also said that the restrictions should be lifted in a graded manner when the situation starts improving.

The Centre had recently recommended continuation of restrictions till June-end in districts with total positivity rate (TPR) of over 10 per cent, oxygenated bed occupancy of more than 60 per cent and case fatality rate (CFR) of over 1 per cent.

The state's Covid positivity rate continues to hover around 15 per cent, with CFR at 1.87 per cent.

Considering the Central Government's advisory, the TAC has recommended a stricter lockdown to achieve a TPR of below 5 per cent, daily new cases below 5,000 and CFR below 1 per cent, the committee's report said.

FULL REPORT: P4

KARNATAKA	MAY 30	MAY 31
Fresh cases	20,378	16,604
Recoveries	28,053	44,473
Deaths	382	411

JAB-O-METER — TAKE YOUR SHOT

May 30: **30,35,749 doses**

June 1: **25,52,501 doses**

TOTAL DOSES: 21,58,18,547

NATIONWIDE	MAY 30	MAY 31
Fresh cases	1,65,553	1,52,734
Recoveries	2,76,309	2,38,022
Deaths	3,460	3,128

State to buy jabs directly from manufacturers

The State Government has decided to purchase Covid vaccines directly from manufacturers, as the two firms which had submitted bids in response to global tender have not submitted the requisite documents | **P4**

TOUGH APEX COURT POSERS ON VAX POLICY, DIGITAL DIVIDE

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Centre had a torrid time before the Supreme Court on Monday as it was heavily criticised for its vaccination policy. A three-judge bench led by Justice D Y Chandrachud posed searching questions to Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on the policy and the rural-urban digital divide.

Citing technical glitches on CoWIN application used for registration for vaccinations, Justice Ravindra Bhat said he had received distress calls from all over the country, and added that young people, who had registered for vaccination, visit private hospitals, only to find all slots are booked.

Asking to take its suggestions in the right spirit, the bench said: "We are not going to run the Central government and make policies for you." Responding to the Centre's request not to interfere with the policy, Justice Chandrachud said it is a platform for dialogue across the spectrum.

"The idea is not to criticise, but to strengthen the arms of the government. The fact that MEA went abroad, had dialogue shows the seriousness of the situation," he added.

The Centre claimed it was confident of vaccinating all eligible persons over 18 years by this year-end. The court then gave two weeks to the Centre to file an affidavit responding to the questions raised during the hearing on the vaccine policy. **P7**

EXPRESS READ

Pinarayi writes to 11 CMs to press Centre on vaccine procurement

T'puram: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday wrote to 11 CMs of non-BJP ruled states seeking a united effort to press the Centre to procure Covid-19 vaccines and ensure free universal vaccination. In his letter, Vijayan said the statements to the effect that the responsibility to provide vaccine entirely falls within the realm of the states defy the very basis of cooperative federal system | **P5**

Crafty Mamata gets to retain top official

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE tussle over the recall of Bengal Chief Secretary **Alapan Bandopadhyay** to Delhi took a dramatic turn on Monday with the officer opting out of the service extension granted to him, by retiring upon superannuation. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee promptly appointed him as advisor for three years, showing how good she is at playing mind games.

The Centre had earlier accepted Mamata's request for three-month extension to Bandopadhyay. But after she stayed away from a meeting on cyclone Yaas with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, the angry Centre played the Bandopadhyay card. Within the bureaucracy, state home secretary H K Dwivedi became the beneficiary of Bandopandhyay's resignation, as he was appointed the new chief secretary.

Earlier, Mamata wrote to Modi describing the Centre's decision to transfer Bandopadhyay to Delhi as unilateral, unprecedented and unconstitutional. "The government of Bengal cannot release and it is not releasing its chief secretary at this critical hour, on the basis of our understanding that the earlier order of extension, issued after lawful consultation in accordance with applicable laws, remains operational and valid," she said.

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WEATHER

MIN 22°C | MAX 32°C

FORECAST

Scattered tstorms late. Cloudy

Sunrise 5.52 am · Sunset 6.42 pm · Moonrise 11.13 pm · Moonset 9.48 am

Managing Covid, the B'luru Urban way

In the last ten days, most wards and villages in the district reported zero to just a few cases

RANJANI MADHAVAN
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EVEN as the 198 wards under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike are swamped with a high Covid caseload, in Bengaluru urban district, it has been relatively smooth sailing with five wards and 245 villages reporting no active cases in the last 10 days.

Also, in 40 wards and 326 villages in the district, there were just five cases, and 28 wards and 106 villages saw between six and ten cases. In 100 wards and 153 villages, more than ten cases have been reported.

There are multiple reasons as to why the semi-urban and rural pockets have been effectively able to control the pandemic, but the most important one is perhaps decentralisation.

Explaining the steps taken, Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner J Manjunath said, "We have been able to contain the virus spread in wards and villages with just a few to no cases through door-to-door surveys of all families, checking for health symptoms and spot testing."

He added that all these were done by a team of ASHA and Anganwadi workers, local PHC doctors, panchayat revenue officials and teachers among others.

"Medicines are given immediately if the patient and his/her home is fit for isolation. If not, the patient is shifted to the nearest Covid Care Centre, including schools, community halls, choultries or hospitals. Movement is restricted and there is strict surveillance on who enters the ward or village and their health status is tracked. Prophylactic treatment is given with Ivermectin, zinc and calcium tablets to those with symptoms who test negative, so that the situation does not escalate," he said.

According to him, the challenge in managing the pandemic is in urban areas where migrant workers live in cramped spaces enabling the virus to spread quickly.

However, officials here act fast to contain the virus spread by testing and shifting the patient immediately. Recently, they shifted 28 patients from Chandapura ward no. 2 to Oxford Medical College. "We have ramped up testing, touching 10,000 per day, even if cases are reducing," Manjunath said, adding that they are fully exploiting the window of opportunity provided by the lockdown.

That is not all. Educating citizens on Covid is an important part of their strategy. Officials are also working on capacity building for ICU beds, ventilators, oxygen plants and pipeline, multi-channel monitors and suction operators among others.

The government has tied up with private agencies, such as industrial donors, in the area who have donated medical kits. Some organisations have even sent doctors and nurses while paying an honorarium, saving money for the state exchequer.

Bengaluru Urban consists of one City Municipal Council (Hebbagodi), six Town Municipal Corporations (Anekal, Attibele, Bommasandra, Chandapura, Jugani, Madanayakahalli) and 93 panchayats. The seven Urban Local Bodies include 173 wards.

A home guard warns children against roaming outside during the lockdown in Bengaluru on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

STEMMING THE TIDE

Caseload	Wards	Villages
None	5	245
Under 5	40	326
6-10	28	106
More than 10	100	153

Students going abroad can get jab

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Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan announced on Monday that students who are to go abroad to study and/or work can get vaccinated from Tuesday (June 1).

The National Health Mission has revised the list of preferential groups for vaccination by adding four more groups, including students going to foreign countries to study, workers of milk co-operative societies and cable operators.

The vaccination drive will start from 3 pm on Tuesday at the Administrative block of Bengaluru City University, Narayan said.

Narayan, who also heads the Covid Task Force, said, "Those who wish to get inoculated should have visas, admission receipts, or any such relevant documents with them. Vaccination certificates will be issued on the spot," he said. Those falling under these sections who have already received the first dose of Covishield, can take the next dose even before six weeks are up.

Pvt hospital files case against social activist

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE chairman of the private AV Multispeciality Hospital on Sunday approached Girinagar police to file a case against a social activist, over an alleged vaccine trade case involving the Basavanagudi MLA.

Chairman Dr Rajesh Murthy complained before police that someone was trying to defame the hospital and MLA, and sought criminal action.

A senior police officer said that Murthy had alleged that the audio clip containing the conversation between a social activist and alleged employee of the hospital, going viral on social media, and was "maliciously concocted" to defame the hospital and MLA. The hospital is situated in Banashankari 3rd Stage.

Vaccines are procured by the hospital and administered to the public for the fee prescribed by the government, and the MLA has no connection with it, Murthy said. Expressing anguish about the incident, he requested police to investigate the phone call details. A notice was issued to the social activist, seeking details about his conversation, a senior police officer said.

The complaint can be treated as defamation, for which the hospital has to approach court, the police officer added.

EXPRESS READ

Property tax rebate extended till June-end

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has extended the property tax rebate period till the end of June. An order to this effect was issued by the state government on Monday. The civic body usually extends a 5 per cent rebate on property tax to citizens who make the complete payment in the first month of the new financial year. This time, it was extended till May 31 due to the lockdown. However, with the extension of lockdown till June 7 due to the surge in Covid-19 cases, the civic body has decided to extend the rebate period till June 30, the order stated. **ENS**

Experts seek raising age bar to buy tobacco

The Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka has urged the state government to increase the age bar for access to tobacco products from 18 years to 21 as many start smoking at a young age. In a letter to Women and Child Development Minister Shashikala Annasaheb Jolle on the occasion of World Tobacco Day on Monday, the forum stated that over 1 million deaths attributed to tobacco are from exposure to second-hand. Children are more vulnerable as over 80 per cent of smokers start the habit by the age of 18, it said while stressing on the need to focus on preventing youth from consuming tobacco products. Despite various laws, tobacco products are easily accessible to children, the forum said and sought implementation of various measures to restrict accessibility. **ENS**

Humanism can prevent corruption: Hegde

Former Lokayukta Justice Santhosh Hegde on Monday gave two nuggets of wisdom to educators and parents on how corruption can be curtailed -- contentment in life and humanism. With these two values, he said that there can be a change in society and better administration will be an acceptable principle in life. He was delivering the inaugural lecture — Good Governance in Democracy — to commemorate 75 years of Independence by the NSS unit of Bangalore University. Justice Hegde felt that the time has come when people will revolt, but the means of revolution has overshadowed its objective, so change has to be brought in governance by changing ourselves. Highlighting the three pillars of governance, he said that no one can say there is no corruption in the system. **ENS**

Water campaign fetches student Forbes honour

Garvita Gulhati

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

Environmentalist Garvita Gulhati, a 21-year-old student of PES University, was nominated for 'Forbes 30 under 30 Asia 2021'. After learning that millions of litres of water are wasted each year in India, left unsipped in glasses in restaurants, Garvita started her youth-led organisation.

The movement was meant to bring a paradigm shift in the mindsets and habits of people towards conservation of water. The team ran campaigns, petitions and workshops, and reached 10 million people since its launch in 2015.

WATER WARRIOR

After noticing that 14 million litres of water were going waste each year because of patrons leaving water in their glasses, Gulhati reached out to restaurant managers and urged them to fill just half the glass with water, unless the customer asks for more. She started the #glasshalfull initiative when she was 15, and garnered support from National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), an umbrella forum of about one lakh restaurants.

The BTech student was inspired by her environmental studies teachers, she had told TNIE in 2019.

"Youngest in the #ForbesUnder30 list of Social Entrepreneurs for Asia-Pacific 2021! Still can't believe it! So grateful for everything this journey has taught me and to everyone who has supported us. Excited for more," she wrote on her social media handle, on being listed.

In March, the Shawn Mendes Foundation also propagated Gulhati's work, and how one can help conserve water. As per Forbes, Gulhati had also received the prestigious Diana Award in honour of the late Princess of Wales, last year.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01st June: We are told that our ability to travel vast distances through space is limited by the speed of light. However, we have now managed to slow light down from a speed of 186,000 miles a second to a centimetre a second. In my opinion, though, if we can slow it down to such an extent, and maybe even stop it, then we should be able to speed it up as well.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
As always, honesty is the best policy, even though Mars' energetic movements may encourage you to cut corners. Plus, it may not be easy to put everything important into words. Prepare now for impending domestic improvements, and win partners to your point of view.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Sun, Mercury and Venus are powerful allies and I honestly doubt if there is anyone who can get the better of you. Coast along on the crest of an optimistic wave and do not be drawn into emotional complications. Remember, you're on public view at the moment.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You must realise that fear of failure is frequently the result of disapproval from parents or teachers when you were young. Such attitudes have entered your unconscious and now emerge as self-doubt. Do not let these vague, half-defined fears hold you back.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A group of planets pressuring the social areas of your horoscope suggest that one way or another you are about to be surprised and delighted by an unexpected encounter, possibly by a welcome twist of fate. Keep an eye on cash commitments or you'll end up paying more than your fair share.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There is much that you can do to put other people in their place, especially at work. However, more important than what partners are up to, is how you handle the increasing and contradictory demands being put on your time by home commitments. Listen to older relations; they seem to have the best advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Lightning never strikes twice in the same place, or so they say. This old adage is about to be proved right when a threatened emotional confrontation affects a partner, leaving you in the clear. All we can say is, you must have done something right!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
In domestic matters you should now be devoting all your time and energy to what is new, experimental and different. Trust your instincts and don't be slow to look to your own experience for inspiration. At home, children need nothing less than one hundred percent attention, so you'd better start rearranging your hours!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The burning question now is how you can make the most of partners' clearly favourable attitudes and good fortune without throwing your own proposals away. Just look and listen for a while and the way forward will become clear, even though it may be another four months before you are completely certain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
What transpires now must not induce you to permit those who are less gifted, talented or experienced than you to dominate your progress. Yet it is probably more important to give than receive, and there may be nothing to lose by taking second place for the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Now that a number of planets have changed direction, you may begin to feel as if you are fighting an uphill battle and may not be sure who to turn to. There might be something to be said for putting important plans on hold, but not until you have made your feelings clear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Be positive and face awkward situations head-on. Only when grumbles and discontent at home have been dealt with, will you be free to make much-needed improvements. However trivial the events you're experiencing, please remember that your life is currently turning a very major corner.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are not under too much planetary pressure at the present time, although it does seem likely that, as emotional tensions build up over the next few days, you will be drawn into an argument of sorts. The important consideration, as always, is never to let your cash out of your sight.

THE PHANTOM

AN OVERNIGHT TREK INTO DEEP WOODS, BANDAR TERRITORY
HELOISE WALKER!
GOOD MORNING, ALL! IT'S JUST ME!
IF DAD WON'T MIND ME PUTTING A TWIST ON AN OLD JUNGLE SAYING... YOU DON'T SEE THE BANDAR....
THEY SEE YOU!
*IN THE BANDAR TONGUE

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

DEAR, YOU LOOK STUNNED!
I AM! THE BOSS SAID I WASTED TOO MUCH TIME LOLLYGAGGING AROUND THE WATER COOLER
CAN YOU IMAGINE HIM SAYING THAT?
I DIDN'T THINK ANYBODY SAID "LOLLYGAGGING" THESE DAYS!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

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	7							
				7	8	5		

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

9	3	4	5	6	8	1	2	7
1	5	7	3	2	4	6	9	8
6	8	2	1	9	7	3	4	5
4	9	6	7	5	3	2	8	1
8	1	3	2	4	9	5	7	6
7	2	5	8	1	6	9	3	4
3	6	8	9	7	1	4	5	2
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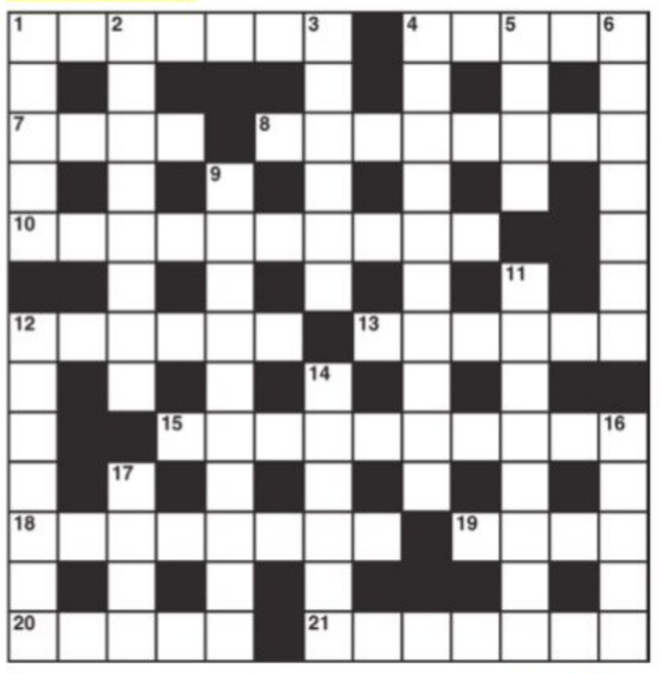
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Replying on one's inclination (7)
4 Householder in no hurry to move (5)
7 At end of evening, general merriment (4)
8 Rousing game in Dutch city (8)
10 Many members naturally support them (10)
12 They keep sharp eyes on German and American arms (6)
13 Saucy antics? (6)
15 The odd sliced loaf may be dug out (10)
18 The actors have to press hard (4-4)
19 The king to work as a key operative (4)
20 Doubtful being kept somewhat in the dark? (5)
21 Determined men out to catch criminals in action? (7)

DOWN

1 It stands to reason (5)
2 Fireproof third party (8)
3 Where food is prepared on board an old Greek warship (6)
4 City's teams organised according to plan (10)
5 These days it follows an opening of mine (4)
6 Tugboats? (7)
9 It's owner will be self-assured (4,6)
11 Extensively used troops (8)
12 Waits for word used by Nelson in a signal (7)
14 Old man cracks a nut (6)
16 Skinhead drove off with a lively horse (5)
17 Every atlas I approve includes it (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Drop the case, 9 Cursory, 10 Aesop, 11 Nile, 12 Sack race, 14 Wither, 16 Ironer, 18 Epilogue, 19 Icon, 22 Groom, 23 Timbale, 24 Astronomers.

Down: 2 Rural, 3 Pooh, 4 Heyday, 5 Crackers, 6 Sustain, 7 Acknowledge, 8 Appearances, 13 Reformer, 15 Tripods, 17 Sultan, 20 Chair, 21 Imam.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

REETX

LYATL

PMHEAR

SCMATO

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Do you always celebrate home runs with a steak?
Not every time. Even I can't eat that much steak.
WHEN BABE RUTH ENJOYED A MEAL AFTER A GAME, HE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Ans. here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** HATCH GOUGE ORNERY FINITE
ANSWER: People who voted for James Madison to be U.S. president thought he was -- "FOURTH-RIGHT"

The woman seen in the sex tape, allegedly involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, on Monday informed the Karnataka High Court that she is safe wherever she is in the city, and there is no threat to her life

Insurance likely for med edu dept nurses: CM

Health staff worried about jab shortage, seek counselling sessions due to continuous exposure to death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa on Monday assured staff nurses that his government will consider extending insurance cover under the Jyoti Sanjeevani Scheme (JSS) to those employed under the medical education department as well. Speaking to select staff nurses from government hospitals across the State, as part of his outreach programme for frontline workers, Yediyurappa thanked them for their service during the pandemic, despite all odds.

During the interaction, nurses raised concerns over resources, vaccine shortage, need for counselling owing to continuous exposure to death and loss, better staff and support from the government.

"I interacted with nurses from six to seven districts and lauded their dedication, while putting their lives at risk. I tried to understand the problems they face. Some of them have come back to work after recovering from Covid-19, some

are working despite their family members being infected," Yediyurappa said, adding that he is short of words to thank them.

Currently, 21,574 staff nurses are working in the state, and in a bid to encourage them, a special Covid incentive of Rs 8,000 is being paid along with monthly salary, an official release said.

A staff nurse from Raichur Medical College appealed for inclusion of staffers under the medical education department under JSS, so their family members have insurance cover. JSS is a Government of Karnataka insurance scheme that provides cashless service to government employees and their dependents for tertiary medical care, and emergency services related to chronic illnesses, surgery and advanced therapies.

"We will work towards it," Yediyurappa told Rachoti Varadha, a staff nurse. He also said that the government has received six applications from families of nurses who died while on duty during the pandemic. While three have been processed, the other three will soon receive the Rs 50 lakh insurance payout. Staff nurses have also asked for their family members to be vaccinated on priority basis, since they are in high-risk environments.

STATE OF ECONOMY

'7 yrs of Modi have taken us back 70 yrs'

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CONGRESS Legislature Party chief and fomer CM **Siddaramaiah** on Monday lashed out at the Narendra Modi government -- that completed seven years in office on Sunday -- accusing it of taking the country back 70 years in just seven years.

Armed with data comparing growth indicators in 2014 and now, Siddaramaiah listed out seven "disasters of Modi".

"Seven years of governance with hundreds of disasters by Narendra Modi-led BJP government. Demonetisation. GST. Covid19 mismanagement. Anti-farmer and labour laws. Unemployment. Privatisation of national assets. Inflation and Price rise are just a few of the 7 years of Modi-made disaster," Siddaramaiah said. He pointed out that barely eight states were in revenue deficit in 2014, but now all states are in deficit.

"The Modi government is selling off enterprises that were built with the sweat and blood of Indians over the past 70 years. The only enterprise they are running successfully is a factory of lies. From LPG, fuel to cooking oil prices are skyrocketing. People are struggling without jobs, standing in queues for oxygen, medicines and food, but businessmen from Gujarat seem to be increasing their wealth," Siddaramaiah said, insisting that the Modi government's achievement is being the source of wealth spike for industrialists Ambani and Adani.

PILOT PROJECT

K'taka HC livestreams proceedings for 1st time

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FOR the first time in the state, the Karnataka High Court live streamed proceedings of the Court Hall-1 through its YouTube channel on Monday. This is said to be the second high court in the country, after the Gujarat High Court, to livestream proceedings as a pilot project.

Everyone was surprised to see a livestream link (https://youtu.be/p-4vySjlTYY) on the high court's website which normally provides the credentials of video conferences only to advocates and parties-in-person due to the pandemic.

The division bench headed by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj heard arguments on livestream on two PILs filed against the second stage development of the commercial port in Karwar on grounds of violation of environment laws.

The petitioner's counsel Murthy Dayanand Naik argued that there was no reference to the expansion in the consent given by the Pollution Control Board which was silent about the construction of breakwaters on Rabindranath Tagore beach in Karwar.

The high court's move has received an overwhelming response. "Wow' amazing. My dream came true finallyy (sic)," tweeted one Suweid in response.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Murthy Dayanand Nayak said that the HC was using technology to ensure litigants do not suffer due to the pandemic.

After the hearing, Chief Justice Oka noted that this case hearing was livestreamed with the consent of parties on an experimental basis and it will continue on Tuesday. A PIL was pending before the HC seeking directions for livestreaming of court proceedings.

KEEPING WITH THE FLOW

A worker on Monday tends to the sprawling lawns at Mysuru Palace, which would usually attract scores of tourists every day before the pandemic | UDAYSHANKAR S

EXPRESS READ

731 Covid deaths under-reported last month, alleges MLA

MYSURU: While questions over differences between official and real pandemic mortality figures are emerging, in a startling expose, Mysuru district administration has been accused of hiding at least 731 Covid deaths in the month of May alone from the city. The allegation has come from KR Nagara MLA and former minister Sa Ra Mahesh who has also made public the death records of each of the victims mentioning the cause of death as Covid-19 to support his claim. **ENS**

High Court rejects Vinay Kulkarni's bail plea

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THE Karnataka High Court rejected the bail petition of former minister Vinay R Kulkarni in connection with the BJP leader Yogishgouda Goudar murder case. Recording Kulkarni's attempts to tamper with witnesses by paying money and assuring the deceased's wife a post in the Congress, Justice K Natarajan dismissed Kulkarni's petition, the second one filed.

Referring to the petitioner's behaviour as then district incharge minister, including tampering with witnesses, influencing a police officer to file a false chargesheet, changing the public prosecutor and diverting the police and investigation, the judge noted that all the documents produced by the Central Bureau of Investigation revealed that the petitioner was involved in the commission of a pre-planned cold-blooded murder of Yogishgouda with political power and influence.

DEPT PLANS TO GIVE OVER ₹20 CR LOAN TO 30L FARMERS

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THE state cooperative department aims to give a loan of Rs 20,810 crore to 30 lakh farmers, which was Rs 17,490 crore for 25 lakh farmers last year. Cooperation Minister ST Somashekar said he will personally monitor and visit DCC banks after the lockdown is lifted.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "In the year 2020-21, the department had set a target of giving Rs 15,400 crore in loan to 24.5 lakh farmers. But the Apex Cooperative Bank and the 21 District Cooperative Banks gave a loan of Rs 17,490 to 25.93 lakh farmers, which is 114.70 per cent more than the target set by the department."

Somashekar said as per Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's direction, this financial year they are setting a higher target, in comparison to the previous year. A sum of Rs 20,810 crore in loan to 30 lakh farmers is targeted for this year. He said he will urge DCC banks to intensify the crop loan drive. "The government is committed to help farmers in distress," the Cooperation Minister added.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice

Tender No: T No.08/2021-22/SE/Q Supply, laying, testing and commissioning of distribution networks at Zone V MD : Rs. 200000 Tender Fee: Rs.10000 +1800(18%GST- It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns). Last Date for submitting Tender:30.06.2021 02:00:PM Phone: 0474-2745293 Website:www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-147-2021-22 — Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kollam

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s). /Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Yaseen Pasha, Mrs. Armeen Naz, Mr. Regent Buider and Devloper, Mr. Syed Zahoor Ul Hasaan, Mr. Jeelan Zaid **(Prospect No. 809689)**	**27-May-2021 Rs. 17,18,474.00/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Flat No D-1, Third Floor Rock Rose Residency, admeasuring 1100 Sft, Situated at Bhel Layout, Byrasandra Jayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office : IIFL HFL "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025/or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Bangalore Date: 01.06.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd**

SHUSHRUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA
No.68, Shushrutinagara, Andrahalli Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560091.

To, **Javaraiah (Late),** S/o Dodda Machegowda, represented by his Legal Heirs ... **Principal Borrower & Property Mortgagor**
1) Sri Gangadhar H.J. S/o Javaraiah (Late)
2) Smt. Vijayalakshmi J, D/o Javaraiah (Late)
Shivakumar J (Late) S/o Javaraiah (Late) represented by his Legal Heirs, ... **Surety / Guarantor**
3) Smt. Bhagya A.L., W/o Shivakumar J. (Late)
4) Mr. Nandakumar B.S., S/o Shivakumar J. (Late)
5) Miss Bindu B.S., D/o Shivakumar J (Late)
All the above persons are residing at No. 9/1, New NO. 23, 2nd Cross Road, Muneshwara Block, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560 003.

APPENDIX-IV [See Rule 8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the SHUSHRUTI SOUAHRDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (herein after called the Act) and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29.01.2021 calling upon the borrower Javaraiah (Late), S/o Doddamachegowda (Late) represented by his Legal Heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 18,01,344/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs one thousand three hundred and forty four only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to you and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said ordinance read with Rule 9 of the said rules on this **31st day of May, 2021.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the SHUSHRUTI SOUAHRDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA for an amount of **Rs. 18,01,344/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs one thousand three hundred and fourty four only)** and interest and other charges thereon.
[The borrower's attention invited to provisions of Sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets]

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

BORROWER & SURITY	PARTICULARS AS PER DEMAND NOTICE DATED 29-01-2021	SCHEDULE PROPERTY MORTGAGED BY JAVARAIAH (LATE) IN FAVOUR OF SHUSHRUTI BANK
Javaraiah (Late) ... Principal Borrower & Property Mortgagor S/o Doddamachegowda Represented by his Legal heirs	**Total Amount due is Rs. 18,01,344/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Four only)** which includes Future interest, penal interest, other charges incurred and also indirect liabilities from 17-06-20 till the date of repayment of dues.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No. 9-1, 2nd Cross Road, Muneshwara Block, Palace Guttahalli, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 70 feet and bounded by East : Property No.9 of Vishwanath, West : Property No. 10 of G.T. Thimmappa North : Road, South : Govt. Road.

Date: 31-5-2021 Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore. **SHUSURUTI SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITA**

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004.
Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420, E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **1) Dr. Srinivas,** No. 50, Shankarmutt Road, Chikkamagalur - 577101. **2) Dr. Sudha. B. N,** No. 50, Shankarmutt Road, Chikkamagalur - 577101. having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 9,94,74,967/- (Rupees Nine Crores Ninety Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Seven Only) due and payable amount as on 31.10.2019** with further interest + cost along with interest at the applicable rate.
Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	DATE, TIME & PLACE OF AUCTION	RESERVE PRICE & EMD AMOUNT
All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing Municipal No. 13919/9113/434/2781 measuring East to West 178 feet and North to South 50 feet and one more portion measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 27 feet in all measuring 9845 Sq. Ft. situated in Ward No. 27, Basavana Halli Extension, Chikkamagaluru City with a residential and commercial building constructed thereon and bounded on: **East by :** Property of M.P. Lathesh, **West by:** Basavana Halli Main Road, **North by :** Property of Subramanya Prasad and Chikkamagalur Mahila Sahakara Bank, **South by :** Property of M. Kaveesh, M.P. Lathesh and Nanda Lathesh, Saw Mill.	**Thursday, 15-07-2021 at 11.30 AM** **No.109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Shankarmutt Road, Bangalore - 560004.**	**Rs. 12,00,00,000/-** (Rupees Twelve Crores Only) EMD: **Rs. 1,20,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:
1) Details of the property to be auctioned can be obtained from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., No. 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004. (Ph. 080-22956405) on all working days during office hours.
2) The intending bidders should remit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order / RTGS shall be drawn in favour of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore after the date of publication of this auction Sale Notice.
3) The EMD will be accepted on the previous day of the auction that is **from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM** at **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road Branch, Bangalore** and latest by **15-07-2021 before 10.00 A M.**
4) The bidders wishing to participate in the Public Auction should produce self attested copies of KYC like Aadhar Card, PAN Card compulsorily.
5) The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price.
6) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest.
7) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale.
8) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft / RTGS vide RTGS No. 002016100000001 and IFSC Code MVCB0000002 and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
9) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
10) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
11) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
12) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between 9.30 AM and 5.00 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule.
13) The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" and terms stipulated under securatization Act 2002. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., # 109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004** or **Senior Branch Manager (Mob: 9449599915), Shankarmutt Road Branch,** during office hours for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property **(Ph: 080-22956405/420/419),** E-Mail: **smr.branch@vcb.co.in**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 25-05-2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **1) Sri Narasimhareddy. K S/o. Peddy Reddy,** Guarantors **2) Smt. Manjula. K W/o. Sri Narasimhareddy. K, 3) Sri Vinay Kumar. K.N S/o. Sri Narasimhareddy. K,** all are residing at 21st Ward, Behind Court, DVG Main Road, Bagepalli, Chikkaballapura - 561207. having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 19,25,698/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Eight Only) due and payable amount as on 31.10.2019** with further interest + cost along with interest at the applicable rate.
Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY - (Description of the entire Property)

ITEM- I: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 454/13, Ghantavaripalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapur Dist. measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. with RCC building there on:
ITEM- II: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 454/14, Ghantavaripalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapur Dist. measuring East to West 38 ft and North to South 30 ft, totally measuring 1140 Sq.ft. and adjacent to the above Two properties are jointly bounded on:
East by : Site of J.E. Venkataravanappa, **West by:** Ramachandra Reddy's House, **North by :** 20ft Road, **South by :** Agricultural Land in Sy. No. 14/4.

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF AUCTION: Tuesday, 29-06-2021 at 11.30 AM, No.109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Shankarmutt Road,Bangalore - 560004.

RESERVE PRICE & EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 54,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Only) EMD: **Rs. 5,40,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:
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Place : Bangalore
Date : 19-05-2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

COVID-19

04 BENGALURU TUESDAY 01.06.2021

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

16,604 CASES REPORTED TODAY

20,378 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	26,04,431
YESTERDAY	25,87,827

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
411	382

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
44,473	28,053

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
3,13,730	3,42,010

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	8.75%
YESTERDAY	8.73%

The day positivity rate — 13.57% today — is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.11%
YESTERDAY	1.10%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	86.83%
YESTERDAY	85.67%

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until May 30, 2021, a total of 25,87,827 cases have beenreported in 1 year and 81 days...

1,36,17,575 Total doses administered in state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	27,26,385
Health care workers 1st dose	7,19,003
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,71,574
Frontline workers 1st dose	6,12,719
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,11,471
Age 18-45 1st dose	10,54,122
Above 45 1st dose	84,84,167
Above 45 2nd dose	20,64,519

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

3992 BENGALURU URBAN

383 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalakot: 194	Chamarajanagar: 317	Dakshina Kannada: 651	Hassan: 1,162	Kolar: 465	Raichur: 192	Udupi: 519
Ballari: 437	Chikkballapur: 415	Davanagere: 360	Haveri: 134	Koppal: 249	Ramanagara: 90	Uttara Kannada: 641
Belagavi: 910	Chikkamagaluru: 340	Dharwad: 291	Kalaburagi: 93	Mandya: 753	Shivamogga: 589	Vijayapura: 185
Bidar: 17	Chitradurga: 731	Gadag: 240	Kodagu: 193	Mysuru: 1,171	Tumakuru: 806	Yadgir: 84

TAC FOR LOCKDOWN EXTENSION

Sudhakar says decision on curbs will be taken only on scientific basis; CM to take final call

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Child care

Paediatric facilities should be ramped up: Special attention on facilities for clinical management of Covid-19 in children at CHC, taluk and district levels. Parents, as caregivers, to be provided PPE kits, N95 masks & resting facilities in hospitals

Genome sampling

Sampling for genomic sequencing (for variants) and serology from children to be started immediately

Vaccines for children

State govt should seek vaccines from Centre, recommended for use in children, like Pfizer and others and start vaccinating them

Board exams for Classes 10 & 12

Very "challenging", but if it has to be held then a "special SOP" has to be planned, with teachers being well trained and facilities arranged. Enlist only those who are vaccinated or provide at least one dose of vaccine to those engaged in exam duties

CHETANA BELAGERE@ Bengaluru

THE Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Covid-19, after a detailed analysis of available data, has recommended to the government a "stricter" lockdown even after June 7.

This decision of the TAC comes at a time when the state's Covid-19 positivity rate is still hovering around 15 per cent, with a case fatality rate (CFR) of 1.87 per cent. Also, a recent advisory from the Government of India had recommended continuation of restrictions till June-end in districts having a total positivity rate (TPR) of more than 10 per cent, oxygenated bed occupancy of more than 60 per cent and CFR above 1 per cent.

"Considering this, the TAC has recommended further continuation of the lockdown in a stricter form in the state as a whole, placing lives before livelihoods to achieve TPR below 5 per cent, daily new cases below 5,000 and CFR below 1 per cent," the committee's report said.

Experts have also suggested that the situation will be reviewed on a weekly basis for any relaxations and concessions, and if considered, the panel has suggested that it should be done in a graded manner as done between June and November 2020.

Meanwhile, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said the government will take a decision on lifting restrictions based on scientific advice, and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will take the decision in this regard.

"The TAC committee will submit its report and it will be discussed in the Cabinet. Since elected representatives work very closely with people, they know the ground reality. Many of them have expressed their concerns based on the opinion of the people. However, the government has to ultimately take a decision on this, based on scientific advice. The CM will take a final call," Sudhakar said.

Meanwhile, the next wave of Covid-19, as per TAC, is expected in October-November and there is an intervening period of four months which should be used to ramp up clinical facilities, training and deployment of human resources.

TAC predicts that the third wave will increase mortality in the paediatric population aged 0-9 by 4 per cent, and a 43 per cent rise in cases. Also, the wave will see a 6 per cent increase in mortality in children aged 10-19, and 60 per cent rise in the number of cases.

Busy NICE Road wears a deserted look due to the lockdown on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

> **The TAC has recommended further continuation of the lockdown in a stricter form in the state as a whole, placing lives before livelihoods...**
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> TAC report

CHILDHOOD LOST

18 kids in state are Covid orphans, data to be updated

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THERE are 18 Covid orphans in Karnataka. According to government sources, as on May 31, 18 children from 10 districts have been orphaned due to Covid. "The numbers are likely to go up in the next few days, with fresh data being added," said an official source.

The number of children who have lost both parents are from Bagalkote (three), Raichur (three), Bengaluru Urban (two), Mysuru (two), Bidar (two), Belagavi (two), Kolar (one), Chamarajanagar (one), Davanagere (one) and Mandya (one). All these children have been handed over to their extended and "willing" families by the Child Welfare Committees (CWC) before which they were produced, said sources.

The data of Covid orphans is a "work in progress" and has been collected by the Directorate of Child Protection from Anganwadi workers and district child protection units/ officers for the past 10 days.

The Directorate on Monday sent a new format to CPUs in all districts to provide details of children who were produced before the CWCs after they were orphaned, or were left with a single parent due to Covid, from March 1, 2020, to May 31, 2021, sources added.

"The Directorate has asked them to submit the format on June 1. There might be some delay because some officials are on medical leave after testing positive," added the sources.

"We have written to all Gram Panchayats to keep a watch on children who may be impacted due to Covid, and may need care and protection," said Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj, Uma Mahadevan.

The Supreme Court has directed all states and Union Territories (UTs) to collate information on children who have been orphaned since March 2020, and upload it on the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) portal. The apex court has instructed states and UTs to take care of their basic needs, like food, shelter and clothing. The court will now hear the case on June 1.

Sources said the Karnataka government will upload updated statistics on Bal Swaraj, the NCPCR portal.

Meanwhile, child rights activists have contested government data on Covid orphans. "The number of Covid orphans could be grossly under reported, given the fact that maximum casualties in the second wave are of people in the 21-55 year age group," said Vasudev Sharma of Child Rights Trust. He added that the government should also consider children who have lost one parent to Covid, for welfare and relief measures.

"It is difficult to accept that there are only two cases of Covid orphans in Bengaluru Urban, given that the district recorded 50 per cent of cases and casualties in the state," said another activist, who didn't wish to be named.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa had announced a relief and welfare package for Covid orphans over the weekend.

MIS-C found in 2 newborns in Bengaluru

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IN a first, Multi-Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) has been detected in two newborn babies in Karnataka.

Dr Chikkanarasa Reddy, Professor, Paediatrics at Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute, the designated hospital where the babies are being treated, said the babies are responding well to the treatment.

The babies were delivered by Covid-positive mothers at Vani Vilas Hospital on Saturday and were shifted to the NICU at the designated hospital. They had indications of a weak cry, shock, and low heart pumping rate.

The RT-PCR and antibody tests on the babies were negative for Covid-19, but the doctors were surprised to find a high concentration of antibosies.According to doctors, while Covid-19 antibodies protect adults from the virus, they can impair the immune system in newborns.

Docs object to Baba Ramdev's remarks, to wear black bands

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The Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) is supporting the Indian Medical Association in its protest against Baba Ramdev's statement against allopathy. On June 1, resident doctors posted in Covid and non-Covid wards will wear black bands to register their protest, and will also change their WhatsApp and other social media display picture or status to black. They demanded an unconditional public apology from him, failing which action must be taken against him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, they said.

"During the first and second waves, all Covid warriors, including doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, police personnel, media persons, etc have worked tirelessly day and night beyond their limits. The vitriolic, disgraceful and derogatory statements of Mr Ram Kishan Yadav are equivalent to belittling the sacrifices made by Covid warriors...," KARD said in a press statement.

Ramdev has questioned the efficacy of allopathic treatment and said that lakhs have died despite taking medicines for Covid-19, and also termed allopathy a "stupid science".

Gujarat family uses B'luru woman's phone number to take vaccine

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

A resident from Thyagrajnagar in Bengaluru was in for a shock when he tried registering his 59-year-old mother's details on CoWin app for vaccination as a family from Gujarat had already got inoculated using the same phone number.

Abhishek Bharadwaj told *The New Indian Express* that he registered his mother's name on the CoWin app on Sunday evening. When he entered the one-time password that was generated on his mother's phone, the app showed the names of four people from Gujarat who have already got the jabs on April 14. As the CoWin app allows only four beneficiaries on one phone number, Bharadwaj could not register his mother through her number.

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> Abhishek Bharadwaj

Bharadwaj then reached out to zonal BBMP officers and also Arogya helpline. "The helpline staff told me that they will look into the problem and get back to us. BBMP officials said that if it was a walk-in registration, no OTP would be generated, and that could be the case with the Gujarat family. Such fraudulent activities should be stopped." he said. Bharadwaj later registered his mother's name through his phone. "We have two phones and we could register, but what about those who have only a single phone number," he wondered.

Health officials were unavailable for comments.

TNIE had reported a similar case of a resident of Vidyaranypura being robbed of her second dose assomeone in Gujarat had taken the shot which was assigned to her.

Covid death toll rises to over 29,000 in State

The Covid-19 death toll rose to 29,090 in the state with 411 people dying on Monday. The mortality rate increased from 1.10 per cent to 1.11 per cent. The day-wise case fatality rate stood at 2.47 per cent. Also, 16,604 new cases took the state's tally to 26,04,431. Positivity rate increased from 8.73 per cent to 8.75 per cent (Sunday). Among the 411 people who succumbed on Monday, 31 people died at their homes, according to the Health Department. Many of them suffered from Severe Acute Respiratory Infection, breathlessness, hypertension, cough, diabetes, fever, Ischemic heart disease, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and Influenza Like Illness. Two patients were brought dead to the hospital.

K'taka to procure vax directly from producers

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THE State Government will make efforts to directly procure Covid-19 vaccines from manufacturers and drop the process of global tenders to get two crore doses.

Deputy Chief Minister and State Covid Task Force Chairman Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Monday said the government has decided to procure vaccines directly from manufacturers, as the two companies that had submitted bids in response to global tenders have not submitted the requisite documents.

"In response to the short-term global tender floated on May 15, two distribution companies, one from Bengaluru and another from Mumbai, had submitted applications for supplying vaccine by procuring it from manufacturers. However, they have not provided the required documents and agreement with Russia's Sputnik vaccine manufacturer. Representatives from those companies had also not attended the virtual meetings," the DyCM told the media.

Bulk MRO Industrial Supply Ink from Mumbai and Thulasi Systems from Bengaluru had applied for the tenders to supply vaccines.

Narayan said the bids were rejected, and they have already started the process of communication with all vaccine manufacturing companies, as the government is not in a position to wait, faced with the threat of a possible third wave.

BICYCLE DIARIES

Man pedals 300km to get meds for son

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

THERE is nothing like parents' love. A 45-year-old daily wage worker from a village in T Narasipur taluk of Mysuru district pedaled to Bengaluru and back, totaling 330 km, to get medicine for his son, who is specially-abled.

"Doctors had assured us that if our son takes the medicine till he turns 18, he will be normal like any other person. Without a second thought, I decided to take this simple mission," said the father, Anand.

With public transport stopped from his village because of the lockdown and no money left in hand to book a private vehicle, Anand decided to cycle all the way from Ganigana Koppalu village to Nimhans in Bengaluru.

Anand on his bicyle at Ganigana Koppalu village in Mysuru district

Anand, who does carpentry and masonry and also works as a farmhand, had run out of money as no jobs were coming his way since the lockdown was imposed. At the same time, the medicine for his 10-year-old son Bhyresh, who is suffering from intellectual disabilities, too was getting exhausted.

"Our son was diagnosed with this problem when he was six months old. Since then, I have never missed getting him the medicine. We get it free of cost only at Nimhans and I replenish the stock once every two months," he said.

But the situation was different this time with the lockdown. He approached many people seeking help, but nobody came forward. That was when he decided to hop on his bicycle, pedal 130-140 km to Bengaluru to collect the medicine.

"The tablets were to get over by Wednesday, and I took up my journey on Sunday. I reached Bengaluru at night and slept near a temple. I collected the tablets the next day from the hospital and returned by Tuesday," he said.

He not only pedaled under the scorching sun, but also got drenched when he was caught in a heavy downpour.

He had to face the police whenever he crossed a district border. He also had to starve as he did not have money to buy food.

Vivek Murthy sends oxygen concentrators

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THE consignment, despatched by US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy's family, that has already reached the state to fight the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic includes portable oxygen concentrators with adapters (70), digital oral thermometers (25), KN95 masks with earloops (1,96,000), full-face shields (5,000), forehead foams (5,000), surgical earloop masks (300), medical face shields (1,200), nitrile powder -free gloves (400), oxygen cannulas (50) and voltage transformers (5).

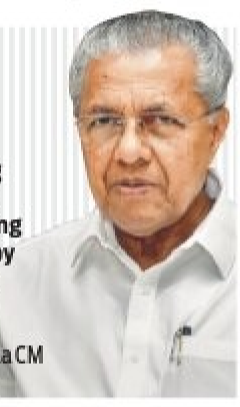
Free vax: Pinarayi writes to 11 CMs, calls for united effort

Says it's unfortunate that Centre is trying to absolve itself of its duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

INITIATING a collective move to ensure free administration of Covid-19 vaccine across the country, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has started attempts to bring together non-BJP ruled state governments. The Kerala CM wrote to his counterparts in 11 states ruled by non-BJP parties underscoring the need for a united effort to urge the Union government to provide free vaccines.

"The statements to the effect that the responsibility to provide vaccine entirely falls within the realm of the states defy the very basis of the cooperative federal system. The need of the hour is a united effort from our side too to put forth the genuine demand that the Centre should procure the vaccines needed by the states and distribute them free of cost," Pinarayi said, adding that it would be more effective.



Vaccine manufacturing companies are engaged in making financial gains by exploiting the situation

Pinarayi Vijayan, Kerala CM

The CM pointed out that the Union government has taken a stance that the states should resort to own measures to procure the Covid-19 vaccines. Pinarayi said he had already written to the prime minister pointing out the merits of the Union government assessing requirements of the states and floating a global tender.

When the nation is passing through the second wave, it's quite unfortunate that there appears to be an attempt by the Centre to absolve itself of its bounden duty to provide adequate supply of vaccines to states, Pinarayi said in his letter, adding that experts have warned about a third wave of Covid-19.

"If the burden of procuring the vaccines is left to fall entirely or even substantially on the states, their fiscal situation will be in dire straits. Fiscal strength of the states is an essential part of a healthy federal setup. If the states' finances are hamstrung, federalism itself will be weakened and this will not augur well for a democratic polity like ours. It will also impede efforts for early building of herd immunity," said Pinarayi.

Psychiatrist in net for theft, sale of baby

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BENGALURU police on Sunday arrested a 34-year-old psychiatrist on charges of stealing a newborn baby from a BBMP maternity home at Chamarajpet a year ago, and traced the child, which was allegedly sold to a woman. The accused, Dr Rashmi Shashikumar, works at a private hospital on Bannerghatta Road.

A police team, led by SI Srinivas KR, analysed over 30,000 calls from the nearest tower before zeroing in on the accused. Dr Rashmi had allegedly taken ₹15 lakh from Anupama, who was consulting her for over a year. Anupama and her husband already have a daughter, who is specially-challenged, and they wanted to have another child, the investigation officer said. But Anupama could not conceive again due to health issues. Dr Rashmi convinced her that she could get a baby through surrogacy. She could not arrange for a surrogate mother, but lied to Anupama saying the due date for the baby was May 28, 2020.

When the date approached, Dr Rashmi went to three prominent hospitals looking for a baby, before arriving at the BBMP facility in South Bengaluru. She walked in as a consulting doctor and met Husna Banu, who had delivered a baby boy. She managed to flee with the infant. She then called up Anupama, saying she is coming to hand over the baby, and claimed that its mother died due to some complications during delivery. The police and found her in Belagavi. Dr Rashmi confessed that she committed the crime to repay her loans.

FROM THE COURT ROOM

Sex tape victim: I'm safe, won't join parents now

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THE woman seen in the sex tape, allegedly involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, on Monday informed the Karnataka High Court that she is safe wherever she is in the city, and there is no threat to her. She also said that she is not interested in joining her parents, at least till the case comes to an end, and will think about it later.

The woman, who appeared through a video-conference before the division bench of Justices Krishna S Dixit and Pradeep Singh Herur at Dharwad Bench of High Court, made the statement in response to a habeas corpus petition filed by her father.

Recording her statement in the order and also in digital format, the court disposed of the petition.

Her father filed the petition on May 27, 2021, and the very next day the court issued a notice. It also directed the Registrar General of the High Court to visit the victim personally to enquire and ascertain her status and submit a report. The court also directed that the woman be made to appear before it through video-conference. The Registrar General got details of her whereabouts from the SIT and visited her. During the hearing at 2.30 pm on Monday, the Registrar General and the woman appeared before the bench through video-conferencing.

Habeas Corpus plea disposed of

Dharwad: The Dharwad Bench of the Karnataka HC on Monday disposed of the Habeas Corpus plea filed by the parents of the woman in the CD after she agreed to meet them once the inquiry into the case is over. The court took the plea for trial and she assured her parents about her safety.

'Confirm authenticity, file response'

During a hearing of a batch of PILs related to the case, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj, at Principal Bench in Bengaluru, directed the SIT to ascertain whether the letter addressed to the Registrar General on May 19, 2021 was written by the same person who had sent a letter earlier.

Directing the SIT to submit its response to the letter by June 17, 2021, the court directed either the SIT chief or anyone permitted by him to verify the investigation report before submitting it to the court in a sealed cover.

The SIT submitted a report of the investigation into three complaints filed at Sadashivanagar, Cubbon Park and RT Nagar police stations.

AP govt gives nod to distribute Anandaiah's 'Covid medicine'

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THE State government on Monday gave its nod for distribution of three of five medicines prepared by B Anandaiah of Krishnapatnam village in Nellore district for Covid-19. Eye drops and a medicine named K have not been permitted as study reports pertaining to them are yet to be submitted by experts.

After the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and other organisations submitted their reports to the government, Ayush Department Commissioner V Ramulu explained their findings to Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy at a review meeting.

Ramulu said the concoctions prepared by Anandaiah are not Ayurvedic medicine as they do not follow any procedure or protocol. Further, Anandaiah is not a registered Ayurvedic medicine practitioner and his medicines have not been registered and approved.

"We do not have any evidence to say it is a cure for Covid-19. It can only be treated as a health supplement or a traditional health practice. It was found that the intake of concoctions does not cause any harm. Hence, the government has allowed their preparation and distribution by Anandaiah, strictly adhering to Covid norms," Ramulu said. Meanwhile, a retired headmaster from Tinnelapudi, Kotaiah, who was administered with the 'herbal' eye drops at Anandaiah's medical camp, died at government general hospital on Monday.

EXPRESS READ

Eatala seeks prominent position in BJP

Hyderabad: Decks seem to have been cleared for the induction of former Medical and Health Minister Eatala Rajender into the ranks of the BJP after his confabulations for about 45 minutes with party president JP Nadda at Delhi on Monday. Though Nadda remained non-committal on where he would fit him the party apparatus and how the party is going to help him in the wake of CM K Chandrasekhar Rao baying for his blood day and night, after the the meeting, it became clear that at least the party was was in the mood to listen to him with its ears open.

'Allow MSMEs to function from June 1'

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI @Shivamogga

THE future of Micro, small and medium scale industries in Karnataka is at stake and if the government does not permit them to function from June 1, about 30-40 per cent of MSMEs in the state will be on the verge of closure — this was the cencern expressed by many industrialists and Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA).

According to KASSIA, the first wave of Covid led to the closure of 15-20 per cent of MSMEs in Karnataka. Now, it is worried that if the government fails to permit operations from June 1, it may lead to the closure of 30-40 per cent of these in the near future. Speaking to TNIE, K B Arasappa, president of KASSIA asked: "When the government can allow large-scale industries to function, where about 500 to 1000 can work and there is high risk of Covid infection, why is it not permitting MSMEs, with SOP in place?"

The first wave of Covid led to the closure of 15-20 per cent of MSMEs in Karnataka

He said, "Usually, MSMEs have 10-50 employees. If we go by government directions, only 50 per cent of the staff will be operational. Hence, it will be easy to manage the group with SOPs," he said.

"MSME employers depend on the revenue generated every month and it is a cyclic process of supplying to the customer and collecting the previous balance amount. Now, this cycle has been hampered as the customers are not releasing the previous balance amount, citing Covid crisis. Even they are under loss. How do we settle the previous bills?," he questioned.

Ramesh Hegde, chairman of Machenahalli Industries Association (MIA) said, except for foundries, no other small and micro industries are functioning. The owners of these industries are worried about how to generate funds to pay salaries of their employees in June.

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MYSORE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, NO.4583/1, GANESHA TEMPLE ROAD, NR MOHALLA, NEAR MARUTHI CIRCLE, MYSORE - 570007. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
KAR-AGRAHARA: 8385, 9351, 9376, 9377, 9381, 9389, 9392, 9418, 9448, 9475, 9483, 9486, 9518, 9543, 9588, 9597, 9598, 9602, 9613, 9655, 9658, 9679, 9690, 9695, 9698, 9702, 9722, 9753, 9761, 9765, 9776, 9782, 9785, 9788, 9818, 9833, 9877, 9879, 9924, 9929, 9952, 9964, 9999, 10009, 10021, 10035, 10037, 10039, 10050, 10053, 10058, 10068, 10080, 10099, 10104, 10106, 10115, 10123, 10126, 10127. KAR-BOGADI: 4870, 4988, 4997, 5008, 5009, 5038, 5056, 5081, 5272, 5353, 5354, 5359, 5360, 5364, 5375, 5376, 5394, 5396, 5406, 5417, 5419, 5431, 5436, 5451, 5460, 5468, 5476, 5478, 5485, 5505, 5510, 5511, 5517, 5528, 5530, 5531, 5538, 5549, 5551, 5559, 5560, 5576, 5582, 5586, 5587, 5588, 5597, 5600, 5606, 5620, 5621, 5622. KAR-CHAMARAJA DOUBLE ROAD: 7911, 7918, 7944, 7968, 7975, 7978, 7979, 7980, 7981, 7982, 7983, 7984, 7995, 8131, 8155, 8159, 8165, 8189, 8215, 8228, 8229, 8256, 8291, 8306, 8309, 8313, 8320, 8332, 8338, 8382, 8404, 8406, 8420, 8422, 8424, 8425, 8426, 8444. KAR-HEBBAL MYSORE: 10039, 10061, 10063, 10080, 10084, 10158, 10165, 10195, 10210, 10238, 10277, 10310, 10321, 10323, 10335, 10353, 10363, 10399, 10859, 10954, 10983, 11028, 11065, 11078, 11083, 11127, 11136, 11146, 11178, 11211, 11217, 11222, 11236, 11237, 11242, 11249, 11250, 11259, 11265, 11266, 11271, 11273, 11274, 11278, 11282, 11284, 11306, 11307, 11308, 11311, 11318, 11319, 11320, 11323, 11325, 11326, 11332, 11391, 11398. KAR-HINKAL: 5258, 5259, 5560, 5622, 5647, 5980, 5987, 6028, 6036, 6047, 6049, 6050, 6051, 6060, 6061, 6096, 6110, 6156, 6164, 6168, 6178, 6179, 6184, 6188, 6195, 6196, 6197, 6198, 6199, 6211, 6221, 6225, 6239, 6242, 6257, 6260, 6265, 6296, 6297, 6299, 6300, 6301, 6302, 6303, 6313, 6314, 6319, 6325, 6326, 6340, 6346, 6350, 6351, 6352, 6356, 6365, 6366, 6367, 6373, 6378, 6379, 6381, 6388, 6390. KAR-KR NAGAR: 9901, 9950, 10011, 10012, 10132, 10231, 10312, 10322, 10324, 10332, 10343, 10409, 10423, 10433, 10468, 10482, 10497, 10500, 10507, 10575, 10588, 10593, 10655, 10657, 10661, 10663, 10666, 10667, 10711, 10712, 10724, 10756, 10761, 10762, 10763, 10770, 10771, 10772, 10813, 10828, 10898, 10899, 10900, 10910, 10911, 10941, 10958, 10959, 10968, 11016, 11017, 11018, 11019, 11036, 11037, 11038, 11039, 11040, 11104, 11105, 11106, 11107, 11108, 11109, 11110, 11142, 11143, 11144, 11146, 11147, 11150, 11151, 11168, 11171, 11203, 11208, 11225, 11237, 11245, 11251, 11282, 11292, 11305, 11310, 11316, 11317, 11336, 11337, 11341, 11343, 11358, 11370, 11416, 11417, 11434, 11443, 11444, 11481, 11530, 11545, 11550, 11569, 11574, 11601, 11602, 11619, 11629, 11655, 11656, 11657, 11688, 11690, 11698, 11699, 11701, 11719, 11741, 11744, 11768, 11803, 11805, 11809, 11810, 11811, 11821, 11822, 11834, 11850, 11851, 11856. KAR-NANJANGUD: 7794, 7908, 7916, 7934, 8010, 8038, 8079, 8111, 8126, 8136, 8147, 8192, 8245, 8287, 8292, 8364, 8383, 8385, 8389, 8401, 8435, 8445, 8446, 8466, 8471, 8487, 8515, 8522, 8556, 8572, 8586, 8597, 8610, 8618, 8652, 8667, 8676, 8689, 8697, 8698, 8725, 8729, 8730, 8747, 8750, 8754, 8763, 8764, 8766, 8769, 8794, 8795, 8802, 8827, 8829, 8831, 8839, 8847, 8848, 8853, 8855, 8866, 8868, 8869, 8870. KAR-NR MOHALLA: 14739, 14848, 14886, 14961, 14978, 15057, 15070, 15476, 15510, 15537, 15551, 15592, 15594, 15597, 15606, 15648, 15699, 15705, 15710, 15716, 15724, 15739, 15743, 15744, 15745, 15747, 15755, 15770, 15771, 15796, 15803, 15810, 15816, 15817, 15826, 15860, 15861, 15873, 15876, 15893, 15897, 15901, 15910, 15921, 15922, 15925, 15926, 15929, 15936, 15937, 15942, 15959, 15962, 15965, 15982, 15987, 15988, 15993, 15998, 16002, 16005, 16011, 16017. KAR-PANDAVAPURA: 4084, 4108, 5859, 5904, 5916, 5920, 6040, 6041, 6042, 6045, 6318, 6353, 6357, 6359, 6361, 6375, 6376, 6420, 6505, 6508, 6537, 6552, 6566, 6604, 6605, 6619, 6623, 6624, 6627, 6628, 6632, 6647, 6661, 6684, 6689. KAR-SARASWATHIPURAM: 4637, 4638, 4639, 4649, 4658, 4686, 4696, 4882, 4884, 4890, 4892, 4901, 4903, 4910, 4911, 4919, 4924, 4928, 4932, 4944, 4987, 5029, 5034, 5039, 5048, 5058, 5065, 5078, 5083, 5087. KAR-THERESIAN COLLEGE CIRCLE: 13487, 13502, 13590, 13592, 13640, 13644, 13650, 13651, 13711, 13735, 13736, 13763, 13766, 13768, 13769, 13770, 13783, 13853, 13854, 13882, 13991, 14011, 14049, 14057, 14061, 14095, 14098, 14171, 14196, 14238, 14256, 14264, 14284, 14297, 14303, 14318, 14325, 14329, 14378, 14421, 14424, 14438, 14442, 14473, 14484. KAR-V V MOHALLA: 8077, 8113, 8115, 8241, 8242, 8254, 8258, 8287, 8292, 8306, 8307, 8310, 8320, 8321, 8337, 8345, 8450, 8453, 8454, 8455, 8456, 8509, 8510, 8511, 8594, 8648, 8659, 8663, 8672, 8692, 8693, 8724, 8726, 8731, 8740, 8741, 8744, 8753, 8754, 8765, 8789, 8796, 8803, 8804, 8836, 8850, 8854, 8856, 8861, 8868, 8884, 8886, 8887, 8888, 8889, 8902, 8928. KAR-VIVEK CIRCLE: 7110, 7179, 7212, 7241, 7267, 7519, 7520, 7582, 7583, 7675, 7706, 7714, 7715, 7720, 7722, 7758.

TUMKUR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, TVV CIRCLE, OPP. BHARAT PETROLEUM BUNK, MADHUGIRI - 572132. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
KAR-KORATEGERE: 9379, 9384, 9566, 9673, 9695, 9715, 9729, 9735, 9742, 9746, 9754, 9758, 9788, 9792, 9798, 9809, 9810, 9814, 9818, 9829, 9846, 9851, 9857, 9861, 9869, 9870, 9871, 9877, 9884, 9903, 9907, 9911, 9914, 10202, 10286, 10306, 10316, 10333, 10338, 10350, 10354, 10377, 10387, 10396, 10403, 10404, 10421, 10422, 10425, 10426, 10429, 10434, 10478, 10502, 10503, 10525, 10531, 10539, 10545, 10546, 10556, 10560, 10561, 10562, 10569, 10571, 10578, 10584, 10585, 10589, 10594, 10604, 10616, 10629, 10634, 10636, 10646, 10647, 10649, 10654, 10682, 10686, 10695, 10697, 10706, 10723, 10728, 10733, 10738, 10740, 10741, 10742, 10751, 10752, 10762, 10768, 10788, 10789, 10791, 10794, 10797, 10806, 10808, 10811. KAR-KUNIGAL: 5914, 5917, 5933, 5942, 5967, 5985, 5997, 6147, 6157, 6180, 6190, 6233, 6239, 6262, 6268, 6283, 6291, 6294, 6304, 6316, 6319, 6328, 6332. KAR-MADHUGIRI: 9625, 9626, 9646, 9699, 9705, 9720, 9741, 9858, 9883, 9884, 9897, 9905, 9922, 9929, 9931, 9944, 9946, 9948, 9981, 9994, 10001, 10002, 10018, 10034, 10060, 10066, 10069, 10079, 10135, 10401, 10455, 10533, 10564, 10587, 10607, 10616, 10626, 10640, 10645, 10682, 10690, 10703, 10708, 10783, 10794, 10796, 10803, 10804, 10806, 10810, 10811, 10812, 10821, 10828, 10846, 10856, 10878, 10884, 10887, 10904, 10909, 10918, 10937, 10946, 10951, 10955, 10959, 10961, 10974, 10975, 10977, 10979, 10980, 10993, 10996, 10999, 11006, 11007, 11020, 11029, 11033, 11034, 11040, 11050, 11051, 11054, 11055, 11059, 11060, 11077, 11096, 11098, 11101, 11121, 11126, 11129, 11134, 11137, 11143, 11145, 11146. KAR-MANDIPET: 5395, 5401, 5405, 5406, 5407, 5409, 5412, 5418, 5433, 5434, 5455, 5683, 5689, 5693, 5738, 5794, 5822, 5832, 5846, 5858, 5868, 5875, 5890, 5891, 5895. KAR-SIRA: 9916, 9948, 9951, 9982, 9998, 10009, 10018, 10024, 10051, 10052, 10053, 10054, 10056, 10080, 10085, 10126, 10128, 10129, 10130, 10136, 10150, 10175, 10189, 10208, 10230, 10231, 10235, 10245, 10295, 10310, 10329, 10345, 10432, 10433, 10582, 10635, 10659, 10671, 10688, 10689, 10730, 10735, 10738, 10784, 10785, 10816, 10818, 10820, 10826, 10846, 10857, 10861, 10865, 10874, 10897, 10904, 10905, 10907, 10908, 10909, 10910, 10912, 10915, 10917, 10953, 10954, 10964, 10965, 10969, 10970, 10974, 10975, 10976, 10980, 10991, 10992. KAR-TIPTUR: 9487, 9495, 9514, 9547, 9561, 9581, 9606, 9619, 9651, 9656, 9691, 9721, 9743, 9758, 9801, 9820, 9834, 9848, 9849, 9855, 9860, 9881, 9926, 9932, 9933, 9935, 9936, 9949, 9975, 10044, 10102, 10104, 10128, 10150, 10156, 10177, 10209, 10211, 10225, 10238, 10242, 10250, 10298, 10299, 10301, 10302, 10303, 10307, 10312, 10320, 10324, 10328, 10332, 10333, 10334, 10335, 10339, 10340, 10343, 10356, 10361, 10363, 10364, 10367, 10374, 10377, 10384, 10389, 10392, 10395, 10406, 10407, 10409, 10429, 10430, 10431, 10432, 10433, 10435, 10438, 10445, 10449, 10455, 10459, 10472, 10478, 10484, 10485, 10489, 10492, 10497, 10504, 10505, 10517, 10520, 10522, 10526, 10528, 10548, 10553, 10555.

MANDYA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, NO-422/C, OLD KIKKRE ROAD, NEAR PLD BANK, K R PET - 571426. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
KAR-KR PET: 6167, 6179, 6254, 6257, 6258, 6267, 6276, 6291, 6303, 6306, 6307, 6313, 6321, 6344, 6346, 6350, 6352, 6359, 6378, 6387, 6392, 6396, 6400, 6401, 6402, 6403, 6405, 6406, 6416, 6417, 6440, 6441, 6443, 6447, 6448, 6449, 6450, 6454, 6457, 6458, 6459, 6477, 6483, 6485, 6491, 6494, 6500, 6508, 6512, 6526, 6529, 6530, 6531, 6532, 6541, 6542, 6543, 6551, 6560, 6561, 6581, 6607, 6608, 6624, 6626, 6627, 6637, 6655, 6669, 6670, 6683, 6695, 6711, 6712, 6719, 6727, 6731, 6767, 6779, 6788, 6798, 6799, 6827, 6829, 6830, 6832, 6833, 6834, 6847, 6860, 6865, 6871, 6894, 6901, 6902, 6916, 6929, 6931, 6948, 6949, 6985, 6987, 6996, 7011, 7017, 7028, 7045, 7055, 7063, 7064, 7066, 7067, 7079, 7080, 7081, 7083, 7085, 7087.

BANGALORE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, NO. 8/14, S M ROAD, NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE, JALAHALLI WEST, BANGALORE - 560015. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
KAR-A D HALLI: 8495, 8527, 8556, 8600, 8603, 8617, 8657, 8658, 8659, 8674, 8690, 8694, 8702, 8888, 8891, 8897, 8904, 8925, 8955, 8967, 8970, 8985, 8994, 8998, 9076. KAR-ANJANANAGAR: 8145, 8292, 8304, 8305, 8309, 8312, 8326, 8335, 8348, 8351, 8363, 8364, 8401, 8423, 8500, 8501, 8531, 8547, 8549, 8591, 8592, 8607, 8624, 8632, 8633, 8634, 8639, 8645, 8650, 8655, 8690, 8703, 8704, 8711, 8712, 8713, 8714, 8715, 8720, 8721, 8723, 8727, 8728, 8750, 8765, 8773, 8774, 8778, 8783, 8799, 8825, 8830, 8832. KAR-ATHEBELE: 4238, 4245, 4246, 4250, 4253, 4262, 4266, 4298, 4423, 4424, 4462, 4488, 4496, 4512, 4513, 4514, 4521, 4530, 4533, 4541, 4542, 4543, 4548, 4549, 4550, 4551, 4559, 4561, 4576, 4578, 4586, 4587, 4591, 4592, 4597, 4598. KAR-BANASHANKARI: 4452, 4457, 4480, 4521, 4522, 4718, 4726, 4759, 4776, 4786, 4787, 4788, 4796, 4798, 4799, 4805, 4806, 4807, 4810, 4816, 4832, 4836, 4840, 4843, 4848, 4856, 4857, 4886, 4887. KAR-BASAVESHWARNAGAR: 8368, 8530, 8541, 8554, 8560, 8570, 8580, 8582, 8584, 8590, 8592, 8734, 8772, 8794, 8807, 8819, 8828, 8846, 8847, 8867, 8877, 8879, 8900, 8920, 8930, 8932, 8937, 8941, 8944, 8951, 8953, 8962, 8964, 8969, 8970, 8974, 8980, 8992, 8996, 8999, 9000, 9004, 9006, 9009, 9012, 9016, 9026, 9027, 9030, 9038, 9043, 9061, 9068, 9070, 9075, 9078, 9084. KAR-BOMMANAHALLI: 13776, 14288, 14330, 14352, 14363, 14364, 14504, 14702, 14718, 14725, 14726, 14732, 14739, 14743, 14748, 14750, 14754, 14755, 14768, 14799, 14801, 14836, 14848, 14854, 14862, 14863, 14864, 14873, 14875, 14878, 14899, 14902, 14903, 14909, 14916, 14922, 14928, 14945, 14949, 14955, 14959, 14963, 14970, 14973, 14974, 14977, 14979, 14984. KAR-BTM LAYOUT: 7600, 7603, 7802, 7811, 7815, 7838, 7865, 7885, 7931, 7946, 7950, 7953, 7958, 7981, 7983, 7997, 8009, 8015, 8016, 8017. KAR-CHANDAPURA: 7140, 7141, 7266, 7339, 7354, 7366, 7390, 7392, 7408, 7409, 7410, 7411, 7412, 7430, 7440, 7522, 7528, 7599, 7600, 7675, 7681, 7684, 7688, 7696, 7703, 7704, 7709, 7717, 7727, 7728, 7731, 7732, 7741, 7746, 7752, 7756, 7776, 7796, 7806, 7810, 7828, 7830, 7831, 7838, 7846, 7853, 7855, 7873, 7875, 7877, 7878, 7883, 7886, 7894. KAR-DODDA BANASAWADI: 8576, 8616, 8634, 8671, 8691, 8693, 8738, 8833, 8899, 8940, 8947, 8956, 8958, 8959, 8965, 8968, 8981, 8998, 8999, 9009, 9019, 9021, 9044, 9057, 9058, 9097, 9098, 9106, 9112, 9113, 9127, 9129, 9135, 9150, 9152, 9156, 9157, 9166, 9170, 9183, 9209, 9212, 9215, 9217, 9226. KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA: 10251, 10257, 10303, 10336, 10338, 10358, 10373, 10387, 10612, 10619, 10620, 10677, 10680, 10689, 10692, 10701, 10704, 10712, 10717, 10736, 10747, 10751, 10756, 10771, 10791, 10792, 10794, 10796, 10797, 10802, 10815, 10817, 10823, 10824, 10826, 10837, 10839, 10842. KAR-GIRINAGAR: 7717, 7751, 7811, 7850, 7857, 7858, 7859, 7860, 7861, 7924, 7937, 7958, 8035, 8042, 8090, 8124, 8157, 8201, 8205, 8208, 8229, 8258, 8272, 8294, 8296, 8304, 8376, 8378, 8392, 8448, 8450, 8464, 8475, 8479, 8484, 8489, 8491, 8492, 8496, 8500, 8504, 8508, 8509, 8510, 8541, 8542, 8558. KAR-HEBBAGODI: 18017, 18168, 18211, 18249, 18252, 18258, 18266, 18272, 18299, 18317, 18325, 18326, 18336, 18337, 18338, 18354, 18355, 18371, 18394, 18432, 18441, 18464, 18515, 18565, 18567, 18611, 18670, 18691, 18699, 18710, 18718, 18719, 18732, 18740, 18748, 18752, 18760, 18788, 18817, 18818, 18819, 18821, 18827, 18838, 18853, 18861, 18873, 18884, 18892, 18902, 18907, 18911, 18924, 18949, 18969, 18977, 18983, 19003, 19005, 19019, 19070, 19085, 19101, 19139, 19159, 19160, 19162, 19163, 19169, 19174, 19175, 19179, 19193, 19195, 19196, 19234, 19238, 19250. KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE: 7849, 7858, 7908, 7929, 7930, 7931, 7932, 7979, 8011, 8012, 8022, 8077, 8134, 8153, 8204, 8234, 8237, 8239, 8240, 8243, 8250, 8251, 8252, 8260, 8267, 8276, 8287, 8294, 8320, 8322, 8331, 8333, 8335, 8339, 8343, 8353, 8354, 8363, 8364, 8379, 8380, 8381, 8384, 8388, 8410, 8415, 8417, 8422. KAR-HENNUR: 12898, 12952, 12955, 12987, 12996, 13007, 13014, 13036, 13049, 13387, 13401, 13428, 13438, 13451, 13463, 13511, 13532, 13539, 13552, 13559, 13567, 13573, 13586, 13597, 13598, 13605, 13613, 13617, 13624, 13634, 13635, 13642, 13644, 13655, 13676, 13688, 13724, 13728, 13736, 13739, 13749, 13754, 13755, 13762, 13770, 13771, 13775, 13779, 13782, 13783, 13789, 13793, 13803, 13811, 13818, 13844, 13845, 13847, 13854, 13861, 13863, 13867. 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HASSAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, S N S COMPLEX, OPP: MAHAVEERA PETROL BUNK, B M ROAD, HASSAN - 573201. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
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DAVANAGERE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, SRI KOTTERESWARA COMPLEX, 1ST CROSS, ASHOK ROAD, DHAVANAGERE - 577002. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
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CHITRADURGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, SHUVARNA COMPLEX, V G TEXTILES, NEAR LAKSHMI BAZAR, CHITHRADURGA - 577501. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
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SHIMOGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, C N ROAD, BEHIND GOVT. HOSPITAL, NEAR RANGAPPA CIRCLE, BHADRAVATHI - 577301. **AUCTION DATE: 24.06.2021**
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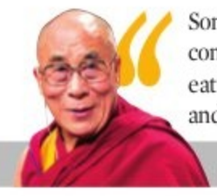

"Some years ago, a scientist ... told me that continuous anger, fear and suspicion tend to eat into our immune system. Peace of mind and physical well-being are closely related

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA RULES THREATEN PRIVACY, FREE SPEECH

The issue of data privacy has been ratcheted up to a fever pitch in the face-off between the social media giants, Twitter and WhatsApp, and the government. Twitter, in a hard-hitting statement on Thursday, criticised the government's attempt to bring in new guidelines "that inhibit free, open conversation". Referring to the Delhi Police's visit to its offices, the company expressed concern at the "use of intimidation tactics". WhatsApp has meanwhile moved the Delhi High Court seeking a declaration that the government's new IT rules are a violation of privacy rights in the Constitution. The new rules force the social media companies to identify the "first originator of information" when authorities demand it.

The Centre, in a strong rebuttal, said the right to free speech "cannot be unfettered". In a reply to Twitter, it has accused the company of trying to undermine our legal system by claiming indemnity from criminal liability in India. The latest spat is taking place after the three-month deadline to implement the Information Technology Guidelines expired on May 25. Social media platforms will now have to give details about the origin of a tweet or a message. The regulation also requires the companies to set up a complex, three-tier grievance redressal framework.

The new set of IT rules that aim to regulate social media could muzzle free speech. Justice B N Srikrishna, a retired Supreme Court judge who headed the Expert Committee on data protection constituted in 2017 by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, has pointed out that demanding traceability of messages to the originator amounts to making "inroads into the fundamental right of privacy". The demand is not legal unless it is backed by legislation passed by Parliament, he has said. Such onerous restrictions cannot be sneaked in via ministry 'guidelines'. Secondly, these rules seem to be an attempt by the government to stem criticism of its policies. As long as social media was a tool that supported the government and used to troll those who spoke against it, there was no issue. Now, with the pendulum swinging the other way, restraining rules seem to have cropped up overnight. One-sided rule-making to protect the government cannot be supported.

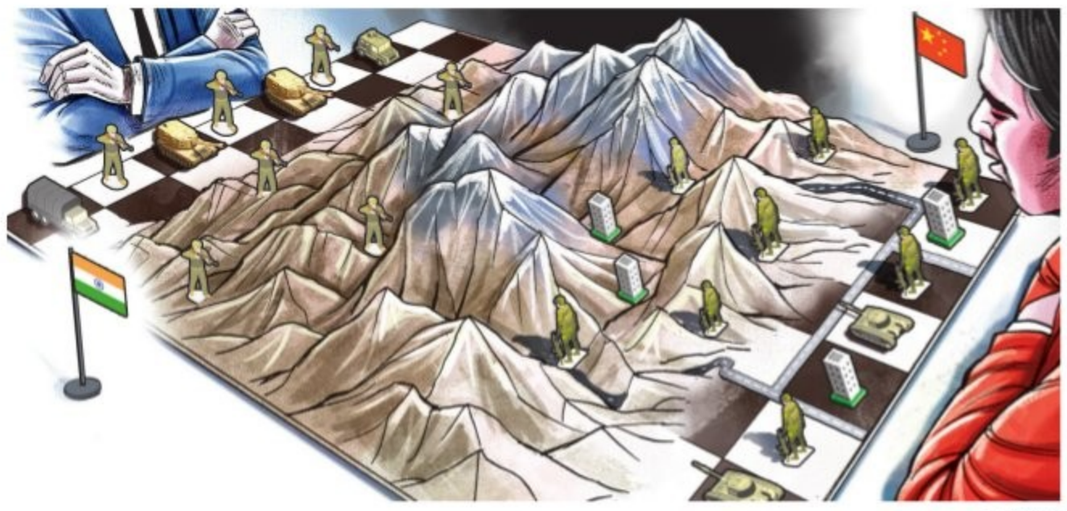
DISASTER MANAGEMENT LESSONS FROM ODISHA

The ferocious second wave of Covid has a key lesson for India. Disaster rarely comes with a warning; all we could do is remain prepared. Had we not lowered our guard, kept our ears to the ground and remained alert, the misery thousands were put through—be it for oxygen shortage, medicine and bed scarcity or the tragic loss of lives—could have been avoided. For all this to happen, India, as a whole, must integrate disaster preparedness into its core system, starting from the ground. This is where Odisha has taken a lead. The council of ministers of the Naveen Patnaik government, on Saturday, adopted a resolution to train every student, panchayati raj institution, government employee, elected representative, *vana surakshya samiti* and community-based organisation in disaster and pandemic management. The beginning would be made through incorporation of the subject in school and college curricula. The government plans to create a huge knowledge infrastructure; a task force will be formulated to take forward the mission. It even seeks to make disaster and pandemic management a compulsory part of the government recruitment process. The goal is to train everyone—right from the ward member on the ground till the CM at the very top.

A humungous task it may seem, but it is clear where this is coming from. Odisha has been at the mercy of natural calamities for decades. The 1999 supercyclone led to unimaginable destruction of lives and property and saw the state turn a new chapter—a fresh political regime under the BJD, helmed by Naveen. Mitigating that calamity took years but his government created a separate disaster management department, a new policy and an authority that remains focused on disasters. In the last 20 years, mighty cyclones have been dealt with ease—Yaas the latest example—as it has internalised the art of preparedness. But Naveen is looking ahead. With Odisha having borne the brunt of climate change, he has set sight on tackling biological disasters like Covid. Hence, his mission of creating a *yodha* (disaster warrior) in every home must get a bigger stage and not remain confined just to the state.

In the face of continuously reported PLA upgradation in Tibet, we need to prepare deliberate defences in depth and have the means to also carry out offensive operations

EASTERN LADAKH: A YEAR AFTER GALWAN



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Galwan was a game changer in the context of Sino-Indian relations. On 15/16 June 2020, an attempted physical verification through verbal engagement with the People's Liberation Army (PLA), of the decision to disengage at different parts of the Line of Actual Control (LAC), led to a fracas with fatal casualties on both sides. That commenced a year of intense activity that transcended the tactical, operational and strategic domains of not only Sino-Indian relations but also influenced the international geopolitical environment.

Overturning and disregarding an ongoing campaign of bonhomie at the highest leadership level, China had chosen in April-May 2020 to reverse the trend by triggering coercion at the height of the coronavirus pandemic's first wave in India. It deployed part of a complement from a force under training to the existing LAC and occupied certain tactical ground to intimidate the Indian Army by denying patrolling of traditional areas and known patrol points at the LAC. The PLA force level was insufficient for any major conventional campaign-style operations and therefore gave rise to much speculation on its real intent over reversing the ongoing buildup of bonhomie. The first of the high-level military-to-military deliberations on 6 June 2020 led to a decision to disengage. It's the process of disengagement at the Galwan Valley that was under verification when Colonel Babu and his men were virtually waylaid and brutally killed by improvised weapons unseen in the modern battlefield since long. It was an attempt to bring crudity to convey an indirect message about the PLA's readiness in every sphere. This bizarre attack led to mobilisation of additional forces by both sides and an elongated period of standoff, which has included 11 meetings of the operational-level military hierarchy of both sides. In the midst of this, a quid pro quo operation by the Indian Army in the Chushul-Moldo area led to the occupation of some unheld features on the Indian side of the LAC on 29-30 August 2020 with domination over important PLA positions. It helped in subsequent negotiations to vacate the infamous Fingers occupied by the PLA. Currently, an uneasy situation prevails in a 'No War No Peace' environment. The pandemic has overshadowed information flow about this standoff, which has by no means ended. It is important to analyse a few relevant aspects.

We have moved no closer to establishing why exactly China chose to do what it did in May 2020 and onwards. For that matter, we are still at a loss to ascertain why exactly it acted as it did in 1962. Triggering a border war, capturing prime claimed territory and then vacating it isn't very rational military behaviour. It appears rational to assume that in April 2020, China had a strategic reason in triggering the standoff and reversing the ongoing bonhomie. Its own intelligence and strategic analysis led it to believe that a Trump victory in America, quieting of Afghanistan and the Middle East, and the American intent of facilitating a strong anti-China front in the Indo Pacific could soon be reality. India could be a real and effective partner of America. Its growing strategic confidence and nationalist fervour could result in it seeking to do acts that may not be favourable to the Chinese; there were probably no definitive markers to illustrate what that may be. The prime danger China probably perceived was in the maritime zone; the American naval presence in the Pacific was a given but the Indian Ocean was still a vast expanse of water where space existed and the Indian strategic partnership with the US would be counterproductive for China. Did it seriously believe that by coercion at the land borders India would be deterred from getting closer to the US camp? Quite the opposite was also possible. For that it may be argued that an obfuscated set of Chinese actions could send confusing signals and a realistic assessment by India to determine the future course of action in respect of its strategic partnership with the US would be difficult. It did not work out that way and India was early in its assessment and determined in its response. China, however, has followed the principles of multiplicity and flexibility playing the standoff game at the northern borders. Diplomatic engagement with our neighbours has been followed with the full knowledge that it has more to contribute to them materially, especially with the current dilution of India's economy.

> It is clear China is in a wait-and-watch mode, fully mindful that a global reset is in the making. In this posture, it has nothing to lose but a lot to gain if we are cowed down. India has clearly not been cowed down, but in terms of capability, we need to do much more

With negotiation to disengage, we may have temporarily staved off further military standoff but with the trust deficit having considerably enhanced, the disengagement process, unless comprehensive, must not be considered as any achievement. Denial of patrolling and the creation of buffer zones at various hotspots aren't exactly a means of conflict resolution. It has also led to the deployment of almost 60,000 troops along the LAC, with the consequent uncertainty and the potential of many triggers in waiting, along with enhanced expenditure. It is clear China is in a wait-and-watch mode, fully mindful that a global reset is in the making. Such resets do not take place overnight. In this posture, it really has nothing to lose but certainly a lot to gain if we are cowed down. However, India has clearly not been cowed down but in terms of capability, we need to do much more to exude realistic confidence. Our logistics effort last year and through winter was superb but let us not think it is sufficient. Eastern Ladakh may not yet be ready for deliberate operations. The PLA is not going to use human wave tactics from Mao's time but rather smother our defences with fire assaults; and for that, we need survivability with the help of modern defensive infrastructure and much rotary and road mobility. Last year we only spoke of habitat, roads and means of storage because that was the priority. In the face of continuously reported PLA upgradation in Tibet, we now need to prepare deliberate defences in depth and have the means to also carry out offensive operations and guarantee survivability on the ground we capture.

What India needs to be mindful of is the fact that it can hardly trust a nation that seems to be finding much malicious pleasure in our pandemic discomfort and is attempting to paint us black in every which way. I will have more on the diplomatic aspects in the next column.

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WHY WE NEED ENSEMBLE COVID PREDICTIONS

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Evidence-based policies and preparedness are crucial to win the war against the Covid-19 pandemic. Mathematical models of infectious diseases play a pivotal role in framing science-informed policies, including lockdown/unlock, hospitalisation, treatment planning, oxygen supply, vaccination, etc. Therefore, the projections of the models should be reliable and account for uncertainties. Though deploying robust and accurate models is very important, feeding necessary and correct data to these models is crucial for reliable predictions. One can argue that the mathematical models/modellers have failed and been proven wrong. Nevertheless, in reality, we fail the mathematical model by feeding incorrect data. Therefore, an initiative to establish a centralised robust data collection and sharing mechanism is needed.

Despite having several models and modellers, a nation relying on a single projection to estimate the complex Covid spread reflects our poor understanding of computational science. For Covid-like pandemic forecasts, we need an ensemble of projections and should avoid over-reliance on a single model. We should encourage researchers to share their forecasts and create an ensemble of predictions like CDC's predictions in the US. Our preparedness and policies should be based on the ensemble's prediction.

Computational science is a subject that deals with the data-driven modelling of dynamics and physical processes. Data-driven modelling is a cycle and it consists of several stages:

1) Describing the dynamics by mathematical models using the laws of physics/chemistry/biology or machine learning models using data.

2) Simplification of these complex models with certain assumptions.

3) Identification and fitting of model parameters using either designed experiments or observations.

4) Depending on the complexity of the model, analytical, numerical or computational solutions are obtained.

5) Validation and verification of the model, including stakeholder engagement and feedback.

If the solution needs improvement, the assumptions need to be relooked; the parameters need to be re-estimated; a better numerical scheme has to be employed; and/or the evaluation needs to be improved. Traversing the cycle over and over again makes the computational model more robust, accurate and reliable.

Computational science for epidemiology is a multidisciplinary study that includes epidemiologists, public health experts, healthcare professionals, applied mathematicians, statisticians and computational scientists. The objective of mathematical modelling of infectious diseases is to provide short-term or long-term forecasts for the spread of the disease and is no different from data-driven modelling. Short-term or statistical models are diagnostic ones, where insights are derived from the history or available data. Long-term or dynamical ones are prognostic or predictive, where the projections are made using the insights derived from the statistical models.

> Despite having several models and modellers, relying on a single projection to estimate the complex Covid spread reflects our poor understanding of computational science. For Covid-like pandemic forecasts, we need an ensemble of projections

The earliest mathematical model of infectious diseases dates back to 1760, when Daniel Bernoulli studied the life expectancy due to vaccination against smallpox. The most popular infectious disease model today is the compartment one developed by Kermack and McKendrick in 1927. Here, the population is divided into three compartments (or homogenous groups): susceptible, infected and recovered. Ordinary differential equations describe the time evolution of the number of people in each homogenous compartment. These equations are coupled to balance the total population. This simple compartment model is known as the SIR model and forms the basis for several variants: SEIR, SAIR, SUTRA, etc. A different approach is used in agent-based models (ABMs), which are essentially stochastic ones for Covid modelling. These ABMs consider an individual or a group as an agent and compute the simultaneous interactions of these multiple agents. After that, probabilistic laws that describe the interaction of agents are specified and used to predict distributions of potential outcomes. Crucially, these models are highly data-hungry and need information about individual agent behaviour.

Though these are robust to model the spread of infectious diseases, Covid modelling poses new challenges and questions. Are the predictions from these models enough to frame timely science-informed policies to revive normalcy in the world? How can we incorporate lockdown/unlock strategies, quarantine rules, seroprevalence surveys, unreported cases, hospitalisation criterion, treatment protocol, vaccination schedules, mutations of viruses, etc., into the model? Among the infected population, don't we need geographical (country/state/district/zone) information, age of infection, population age and the severity of the disease? These questions necessitate a new generation of pandemic models. More than a century after introducing the SIR model, a multidimensional, partial differential equation model has been proposed recently. This multidimensional model provides the number of infected people with insights into geographical information, the severity of the disease, the age of the infection and the age of the population. Significantly, the severity of the disease is crucial to plan hospitalisation, ICU or oxygen bed needs and treatments.

Improved models, reliable data and ensemble predictions will enable policymakers to frame evidence-based policies that help us tackle Covid and future pandemics in a better way.

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What is there to hide?

A delegation of CPM MPs were denied permission to undertake a fact-checking visit to Lakshadweep by the additional district magistrate. If the new sweeping changes are indeed meant for the development of the islands, what is there to hide?

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

The right decision

The CPM is attempting to commit the same blunder in visiting Lakshadweep as it did in J&K when the erstwhile state was in turmoil. Denying the MPs permission was the right decision. Their visit will only add fuel to the fire, and can wait. The Union government is regularly coming out with information on the happenings in the islands.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Be more mature

This is with reference to the editorial *Rescind order to recall Bengal chief secy immediately* (May 31). The absence of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee from the prime minister's review meeting is discourteous. The transfer of the chief secretary to Delhi instantaneously in retaliation is equally reprehensible. Authorities should not behave like school children and act in a more mature manner.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Forget poll acerbity

Giving the meeting called by the PM to assess the damage caused in West Bengal due to Cyclone Yaas a miss is not an appropriate action for a CM. The acerbity during electioneering should be forgotten and a new era of coordination and cooperation must start between the Centre and the state. Real issues must not take a back seat due to such petty squabbling.

Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Covid is main priority

This is with reference to *Inequalities have increased under this govt* (May 31). As the Centre has been battling the pandemic for more than a year, the problems of unemployment, the rich-poor divide, etc., could not be addressed effectively—not to mention these problems were aggravated due to the virus. Beating Covid completely is the government's main priority right now.

V S Raman, Thanjavur

Not just India-specific

The author has highlighted how Covid has caused devastation not only to the economy but also to people's livelihoods. It is true that the poor became poorer amidst the pandemic. But this issue is global, not just India-specific. The onus is on the government to set right the imbalances.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Spread more awareness

The Telangana government has taken a wise decision to extend unlock duration from four hours to seven hours. With this, the mad rush at shops can be avoided. More awareness about safety protocols should also be spread through mobile vans in high-risk areas like markets, wine shops, bus stands, etc.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Expats also affected

The second wave has not only played havoc with the lives of citizens but also expatriates. The extended ban on international flights, though necessary, has increased the burden on expats.

Baleswar R, Alappuzha

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

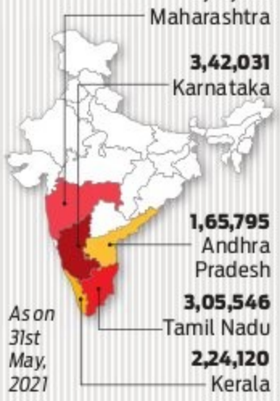
Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Modi Govt's non vaccination strategy is a dagger in Bharat Mata's heart. Tragic truth

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
Despite being the largest producer of oxygen, many of our citizens died of lack of oxygen. Who's responsible?

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
In Rajasthan, from the dustbins of 35 vaccination centres, 500 vials with about more than 2500 jabs still left were found

INDIA'S COVID TRACKER

Only 5 states with 1 lakh+ active cases



20,26,092
Active caseload in India

2,38,022
Recoveries in 24 hours

91.6%
National recovery rate

1.17%
National fatality rate

16,83,135
Tests in last 24 hours

9.07%
Daily positivity rate

HELPLINE NUMBERS

1075: National helpline
1098: Child helpline
14567: Senior citizens helpline
08046110007: Helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support

SC pulls up Centre over slow vaccination in rural India

Government gets two weeks to reply as bench headed by Justice Chandrachud seeks explanation of digital divide in inoculation drive

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

THE Centre had a tough time at Supreme Court on Monday, being criticised for its unclear vaccination policy. A three-judge bench led by Justice DY Chandrachud questioned Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on the steps being taken and the digital divide between rural and urban India.

Citing technical glitches on the official CoWIN app for vaccination registrations, Justice Bhat told Mehta he had received distress calls from all over the country. He added that young people having registered are visiting private hospitals only to find that slots booked.

On the Centre's submission that the court should not interfere in policy, Justice Chandrachud told Mehta this is a platform for dialogue across the spectrum. "The idea is not to criticise, but to strengthen the arms of the government. The fact that MEA went abroad, had dialogue shows the seriousness of the situation," said Justice Chandrachud.

The Centre also informed the court it is confident of vaccinating all eligible persons above 18 by the year end. The matter was adjourned on Monday, as the court gave two weeks to the Centre to file an affidavit with its response to the questions raised in the hearing regarding the country's vaccine policy.

The court also questioned the reason behind not supplying vaccines for people below 45 and said: "Our question is, what is the rationale. For the population above 45 we will supply vaccines, but for those under 45, states are left to make arrangements."

The court also questioned how is the Centre addressing the digital divide and its constraints in rural India. To this, Mehta said: "Every village has a service centre. If I'm a villager who doesn't have a cell phone, the common service centre will register me and then I will get vaccinated."

The bench did not seem impressed by this. "You must keep your ear to the ground. You keep saying digital India, but see what's happening. A poor agricultural worker from Jharkhand, who works in Rajasthan, has to go back to Jharkhand to get registered," asked the court.

To this, Mehta replied: "No. Registration is where he stays. Registration is such so that tracing can be done if you have one dose or two doses."

The court stuck to the digital divide aspect. "We are asking how are you answering the digital divide. How are you ensuring that migrant agricultural labourers going from one state to other are getting vaccinated," asked the court. However, Mehta objected and said it is a policy decision.

Vaccination in rural India continues to be a struggle, as seen at this centre in West Bengal's Balurghat on Monday | PTI

We are asking how are you answering the digital divide. How are you ensuring that migrant agricultural labourers going from one state to other are getting vaccinated —**Supreme Court bench**

Government defends CoWIN, introduces option of rescheduling

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

DISMISSING concerns that booking a Covid-19 vaccination slot on CoWIN portal did not guarantee an actual jab, the Centre on Monday acknowledged that in some cases, sessions had been cancelled due to shortage.

"There have been media reports suggesting that even a successful booking on the CoWIN platform for a vaccination slot does not assure one of a Covid-19 vaccine jab," a vaccination "myth buster" by the Union health ministry said on Monday. It called such reports "baseless and incorrect, not supported by full information on the matter".

The same statement added that in some cases, vaccines were in short supply, sessions were cancelled and beneficiaries had to return without taking the shots. "This caused inconvenience to such beneficiaries who booked their appointments." To remove this problem, CoWIN has now provided the feature for rescheduling of sessions so that district authorities do not have to cancel the sessions. In such cases now, beneficiaries will not have taken a fresh appointment and will also receive an SMS informing them about rescheduling.

On concerns that those vaccinated are not receiving certificates, the ministry said that the web link for Covid-19 vaccination certificate is available in the text SMS sent to beneficiaries after vaccination and successful updation of vaccination status in CoWIN.

Daily doses likely to rise by 50% in June

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

INDIA could see nearly 40 lakh Covid-19 vaccinations daily in June, on an average, a level never achieved. This is despite daily vaccinations crossing 35 lakh briefly in April. Now, vaccine availability for this month is set to be higher by over 50 per cent compared to May.

While 10 crore and 90 lakh doses of Covishield and Covaxin will be available, respectively, nearly 1 crore doses of Sputnik V too are likely to be available in June, sources told this newspaper.

In a review on the progress of vaccination in states, the Centre on Monday asked states to accelerate the pace in view of the substantial increase in availability in June. The government has said while 7,94,05,200 crore doses were available in May, through central supply and direct procurement by states and private hospitals, the stock for June is 11,95,70,000.

The states have been asked to maximise use of flexibilities like 'near home' vaccination centres and increasing the involvement of private hospitals.

In the review meeting on Monday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan asked states to also create awareness among the masses on using these centres at community halls, residents' association offices, schools and other locations to facilitate inoculation of those above 60 with first doses and those with special needs.

The average daily vaccination in India was nearly 40 per cent lower in May compared to April, even though inoculations opened for all adults from the beginning of this month.

Between April 3 and 9, an average of 35,35,250 shots were administered a day and this reached 36,59,356 on April 10 — the highest daily vaccination achieved in the country so far — but this number has been dipping dramatically since.

On the other hand, as per details shared by the Centre, for June, 6,09,60,000 doses will be supplied to states for the priority group of healthcare and frontline workers, persons above 45 years. In addition, 5,86,10,000 doses will be available for direct procurement by states and private hospitals as per the figures shared.

EXPRESS READ

Decision on Class XII exams in 2 days: Govt

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday adjourned the hearing regarding the cancellation of CBSE and ICSE Class XII board exams till June 3, as the final decision on the matter will be announced by the government soon. The Centre told the apex court that it will issue the final decision regarding the board exams in a couple of days.

Educate people about vax: Minister to media

New Delhi: Union I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar on Monday urged the media to "continuously" inform and educate people about the importance of Covid vaccines and Covid-appropriate behaviour so that all those above 18 years can be inoculated by December. In a video message on Twitter, the minister said the Covid pandemic is a major crisis and vaccination is "the right treatment" for it.

15 Maha dists have 20% positivity rate

Mumbai: Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray has said the restrictions can be lifted in the districts which reported less than 10% Covid positivity rate. There are 20 districts that have less than 10% positivity rate, while 15 districts' positivity rate is over 20%. Lowest positivity was reported from Jalgaon at 3.41%, while Mumbai's is 6.66% .

Withdrawal in advance from PF approved

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has, for the second time, allowed subscribers to withdraw a non-refundable advance from their savings due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The move will be implemented as a part of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, a Covid-19 assitance package which was introduced in last March last year.

"Under this provision, a non-refundable withdrawal to the extent of the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or up to 75 per cent of the amount standing to a member's credit in the EPF account, whichever is less, is provided. Members can apply for lesser amount also," a statement from the labour ministry said.

According to the statement, the EPFO has deployed a "system driven auto-claim settlement process" to process such claims. The EPFO members, whose "know your customer" requirements are complete, can immediately apply for the withdrawals, the ministry statement added.

Low numbers: Municipal corporation in MP adopts 'no vaccine, no pay' plan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

CONCERNED that over 30 per cent of its staff yet to get even the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, the Ujjain Municipal Corporation (UMC) in Madhya Pradesh has decided to follow a 'No Vaccine, No Pay' approach for these employees.

However, this is in violation of the Central government's stand that vaccination against the killer virus is voluntary and not mandatory.

While confirming the decision, the Ujjain Municipal Commissioner Kshitij Singhal told journalists that vaccination of the staff is particularly essential, as most of them are most exposed to the public.

"Owing to exposure of the staff of local urban bodies to the public, the municipal corporation's entire workforce, including officers was given priority as frontline Covid warriors, after health workers, in the second phase of vaccination in February. But still, many of our staff are yet to get even the first jab," he said.

According to reliable sources in the Ujjain Municipal Corporation, only 70 per cent of the workforce of about 1,600 have so far got either both doses or at least the first one, which has forced the Corporation to adopt this 'No Vaccination, No Pay' principle. "The new approach to ensure total vaccination will only cover those staff who haven't even taken even a single jab," the Ujjain Municipal Commissioner maintained.

Ujjain Municipal Corporation UMC is the first municipal body in Madhya Pradesh to adopt such a 'No Vaccination, No Pay' approach, which will be effective from payment for the month of May, 2021.

A shikarawalla gets vaccinated during a drive for boatmen in Srinagar | PTI

No pay in J&K district for not achieving 100% vax target

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

IN a controversial order, the administration in J&K's Rajouri district has said that the salary of employees deployed for Covid duty should not be released unless they furnish a certificate of achieving 100 per cent vaccination target.

District Magistrate Rajesh Kumar Shavan, who is also DDMA chairman, said in an order that to ensure 100 per cent vaccination of target groups, Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) have been directed not to draw the salary of employees deployed on Covid duty/active field offices unless a certificate is furnished regarding vaccination.

The order has made it mandatory for the employees engaged in Covid duty to achieve 100 per cent vaccination of target groups in their areas. "The concerned district treasury officer/treasury officers shall not entertain the salary bills unless a vaccination certificate is attached with the bill," added the order.

On April 5, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department officials in north Kashmir's Bandipora had made it mandatory for persons above 45 to get themselves vaccinated in order to be eligible for government ration.

"Please remember that without producing Covid-19 vaccination certificate, the ration will not be issued in any case," read the order issued by the assistant director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Bandipora. However, the controversial order was withdrawn by the department after public outcry.

The J&K government has so far vaccinated 32,95,236 people. Of them, 27,49,200 have got one dose and 5,46,036 both.

Double mutant B.1.617 strain in one third of SARS CoV-2 samples in India

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

THE double mutant B.1.617 variant that is largely considered responsible for the ferocious second wave of Covid-19 in India has been found in one-third of all genome-sequenced samples of SARS CoV-2.

The latest data collated by the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG), a consortia of 10 national laboratories tasked with genome sequencing of samples collected from patients to understand the spread of the virus, shows that the B.1.617 lineage constitutes nearly 75% of all samples of Variants of Concern (VoCs) recorded in the country.

An analysis on May 28 showed that of the 21,471 community samples sequenced across the country, 31.9% were of the B.1.617 lineage and 11% belonged to the B.1.1.7 strain. Among these community sequenced samples, 9,308 were VoCs, of which nearly 75% were B.1.617 variant while the rest were B.1.1.7 and B.1.351.

While the B.1.617 variant was first reported in Maharashtra, state-wise analysis showed this variant was the prime driver of Covid-19 cases in nearly half the states. The highest percentage was in Uttar Pradesh (81.8), followed by Gujarat (77.4), Jharkhand (67), Tripura (50), and Uttarakhand (53), Andhra Pradesh (47), Maharashtra (47) and Telangana (46).

"The B1.1.7 lineage of SARS-CoV-2 is declining in proportion in the last one-and-a-half months. The B.1.617 lineage of SARS CoV-2 has been first reported from Maharashtra but now seen in other states like West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Telangana," said INSACOG.

REALITY BITES

Bicycle girl Jyoti loses father to cardiac arrest

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

REMEMBER Jyoti Kumari? The girl had cycled from Haryana's Gurugram to Bihar's Darbhanga — pedalling nearly 1,200km — carrying her ailing father Mohan Paswan. More bad news from her. Over a year after her extraordinary feat, the father of the bicycle girl died after a severe cardiac arrest on Monday at his home.

On May 18 last year, Jyoti Kumari (15) took her father all the way home during the lockdown following the Covid pandemic.

Reports said a few days after Mohan Paswan performed the last rites of his uncle, he developed a severe chest pain and collapsed. "I massaged his chest (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) when he complained of pain. But he could not survive," Jyoti told the media, weeping inconsolably at her home at Sirhulli village under Singhbara panchayat of Darbhanga.

Jyoti Kumari had travelled nearly 1200 kms on cycle with her injured father at the back during the lockdown last year

Jyoti's name came into prominence for her spirit and determination to bring her father home in the absence of any transport when the lockdown was in force. For the media, she became the 'cycle girl' and won global appreciation.

Confirming the death of Jyoti's father, DM Darbhanga Dr SM Tyagrajan said that Jyoti's father suffered a severe cardiac arrest. "The administration joined the family in sharing their grief and reassuring the girl. Senior district officials were present to console the family at Singhabara block", said the DM. Due assistance will be provided to the bereaved family, he added. Jyoti's younger brother Himanshu lit the pyre at the cremation ground. Their father was the sole bread earner for the family. Jyoti has two brothers and three sisters; one of them married.

Jyoti was praised by the daughter of former US President Donald Trump, Ivanka. She was among 32 children who were recently conferred with the Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar. It consisted of ₹1 lakh in cash.

MAOIST KILLED IN J'KHAND

A Maoist was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Jharkhand's Gumla district on Monday, a senior police officer said. As of Monday afternoon, the operation was still underway

5 ACCUSED OF LOOTING ₹2 LAKH FROM A BUSINESS IN U.P.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	28	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	39	26	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	39	28	Patna	35	26
Amritsar	37	26	Lucknow	38	23
Chennai	43	27	Port Blair	38	26
Kolkata	35	27	Imphal	28	20
Srinagar	27	14	Chandigarh	33	25

Didi attacks PM over transfer row

Calls Centre's order recalling chief secretary 'unconstitutional' in strongly-worded letter

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

THE row between the West Bengal government and the Centre over the latter's attempt to transfer the state's Chief Secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay to New Delhi reached a political flashpoint on Monday with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee writing a strongly-worded letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing the Centre's decision as "unilateral, legally untenable, and wholly unconstitutional".

The chief minister wrote that if the order was a result of her skipping the cyclone review meeting with the Prime Minister, "it was sad and unfortunate".

"I must confess that I have been shocked and stunned by the unilateral order dated 28th May, 2021, sent to us by the Government of India, asking us to release Alapan Bandopadhyay, Chief Secretary, West Bengal, so that he may join the Government of India on 31st May, 2021, the normal date of his superannuation," Mamata wrote.

Alleging that the Centre took the decision keeping the state government in the dark, she further wrote, "The unilateral order comes without any prior consultation whatsoever with the Government of West Bengal without any volition/opinion of the officer, without meeting any of the pre-conditions of the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954 and other applicable laws under reference. The unilateral order/directive is legally untenable, historically unprecedented and wholly unconstitutional."

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with her chief advisor Alapan Bandopadhyay during a meeting in Kolkata on Monday | BIBHASH LODH

The state government on May 10 wrote to the Centre seeking a nod to grant Bandopadhyay a three-month extension as chief secretary, saying the top bureaucrat is playing a key role in the state's fight against Covid-19. The central government approved the request on May 24.

But, in a surprising move, hours after Mamata skipped a cyclone review meeting with Modi at Kalaikunda Air Base, the Centre issued a transfer letter to Bandopadhyay.

On the Centre's change of mind within four days of granting Bandopadhyay a three-month extension as the state chief secretary, Mamata, in her letter, said, "Does it have something to do with our meeting at Kalaikunda? If so, it would be sad and unfortunate and would amount to sacrificing public interest over misplaced priorities."

Sheer misuse of power, say former civil servants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

FORMER bureaucrats on Monday criticised the Center's attempt to recall West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay.

They described it as "sheer misuse of power" and "humiliating". Former chief secretary of Maharashtra DM Sukhtankar said that in the present circumstances, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central government is wrong on their part to call back chief secretary of West Bengal to whom they had only given three months extension. "PM Narendra Modi only gave extension to chief secretary of West Bengal so it is also not legally right for them to call back. If the person is working any places so it is his duty and responsibility to work their only first. Morally also, this is not the right for centre to do such things," Sukhtankar said. Former IAS officer Jawahar Sircar called it a "misuse of power". "There is another order dates 24th May for Covid management and his extension. Without superseding that order by asking him to come to Delhi is only humiliation," he said. "His extension was meant for Covid control in Kolkata. His extension was not meant to be waiting in New Delhi," he said. Former Maharashtra police commissioner Julio Riberio said, "I think it's dangerous for the officers of all-India service to work in Opposition-led States."

A skilled administrator with clean record

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay has earned a name for himself as a skilled administrator.

The 1987-batch IAS officer started his professional career as a journalist with the Kolkata-based Bengali newspaper called *Anandabazar Patrika*. He then cracked the UPSC Civil Services Examination and joined the officialdom.

A diligent civil servant, Bandopadhyay has consistently demonstrated his commitment to his work. Despite his younger brother's sudden death this month due to Covid, he continued to work hard for the state, no bothering to take a time off.

Bandopadhyay has served as the additional chief secretary of the micro, small and medium enterprises and textiles department before he was appointed as the additional chief secretary of the home and information department in 2019. He was the blue-eyed boy of the Left government, which ruled West Bengal prior to Mamata's ascent. When the TMC supremo took over the reins of power in 2011, Bandopadhyay's skills did not go unnoticed.

He has not had a single blot on his career. While reacting to the Centre's transfer letter to him, Mamata herself noted that he has maintained a clean image throughout. Bandopadhyay's wife Sonali Chakrabarty is the vice-chancellor of the University of Calcutta.

Major reshuffle at higher echelons of armed forces

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE three wings of the armed forces—Army, Navy and Air Force—are set to have a number of new faces at the top reaches, including a new deputy chief in the Navy, two new commanders in the Army.

Vice Admiral M S Pawar, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (DCNS) superannuated on Monday after 39 years of service. Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh, who was serving as the Chief of Personnel of the Navy, will be the new DCNS.

Vice Admiral Pawar has an extraordinary 25 years of seagoing service which otherwise remains between 17-20 years.

Navy also will get a new Chief of Materiel as Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition (CWP&A) will replace Vice Admiral S R Sarma, who retired on Monday. Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh will be the new CWP&A. Vice Admiral DK Tripathi will be the new Chief of Personnel.

Of the Seven Army Commands, two Commands will get new Army Commanders. With Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan, Eastern Army Commander, retiring on Monday his post will be taken over by Lt Gen MK Pandey, who till now has been the Commander of the Andaman and Nicobar Command. Lt Gen Ajai Singh will assume the Command of the Crucial Andaman and Nicobar Command.

In the Air Force, Air Marshal Amit Tiwari superannuated from the position of the Commander in Chief, Central Air Command (CAC). Air Marshal Richard John Duckworth the current Air Officer in charge Personnel will be the next CAC Commander.

Lt Gen Ajai Singh

Vice Admiral M S Pawar

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Monday approved the 'Second Positive Indigenisation List' of 108 items of ammunition, equipment and systems to boost indigenisation of defence production.

The second list puts focus on weapons/systems which are currently under development/trials and are likely to translate into firm orders in the future.

The list includes helicopters, next-generation corvettes, Air Borne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) systems, tank engines, medium-power radar for mountains etc, according to the MoD.

MEGHALAYA

At least 5 miners feared trapped in coal mine

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

FIVE miners were trapped in a coal mine on Monday in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district after a dynamite exploded, causing water to gush in and flood the mine.

A search and rescue operation was underway as of Monday night.

The police have identified three of the trapped miners as Abdul Karim, Abdul Kalam (both from Assam), and Shyamcharan Debbarma from Tripura.

The district Superintendent of Police, Jagpal Singh Dhanoa, said the action was taken based on the information received from Assam police about six workers being trapped in a coal mine in East Jaintia Hills on the night of May 30-31. The site was located at 6 am on Monday.

A man had tipped off the police in Assam's Cachar about the incident. Dhanoa said there was a delay in the identification of the site due to inclement weather, poor night-light conditions and non-availability of any eyewitness accounts.

The search and rescue operation is being led by the State Disaster Response Force, under the supervision of the Inspector General of Police (Law & Order). "As per eye witness account, due to the sudden explosion of dynamite, five persons got trapped in the sudden rush of water into the mine. Within no time, the mine was inundated," Dhanoa said.

He said the main culprit, as per the eyewitness accounts, was the mine's "sordar" by the name of Nizam Ali, who did nothing to rescue the trapped labourers, and instead, threatened the survivors with dire consequences before chasing them away.

"Based on their account, an FIR is registered at Khliehriat Police Station vide Khliehriat PS Case No. 35(05)2021 u/s 188/269/270/304A IPC R/w section 21(5) MMDR Act R/W section 51(b) Disaster Management Act. The survivors are being looked after by the police to ensure their security. Further, investigation is on and no stone is being left unturned to arrest the sordar of the mine," the SP said. He added that a person has detained for questioning.

Rat-hole coal mining is rampant in Meghalaya despite a ban imposed by the National Green Tribunal in 2014. Most coal mines are owned by powerful people, activists say.

The last known incident of a coal mine mishap in the state was in the same district in January in which six labourers from Assam died. A similar incident in 2018 killed at least 17.

High time to define limits of sedition law: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

STATING it was high time to define the limits of the sedition law on free speech and media rights, the Supreme Court on Monday gave protection to two Telugu TV channels from coercive action by the Andhra Police. FIRs were registered against the two channels – TV5 News and ABN Andhra Jyoti – for airing the statements made by rebel YSR Congress MP Raghu Rama Krishnam Raju.

"If TV channels say something (news), it cannot be called sedition," said a three-judge bench, led by Justice D Y Chandrachud, while hearing a plea by the channels, which had invoked Article 32 of the Constitution to initiate contempt proceedings against the Jagan Reddy government for muzzling free speech. The court had earlier granted bail to Raju.

"This is a case of muzzling the media," the bench observed, adding: "We are of the view that the provisions of section 124A (sedition) and 153A (promoting enmity between different groups) of the IPC require interpretation, particularly on the issue of the rights of press and free speech."

Holding that the FIRs did not establish the offence invoked against the channels, the SC issued a notice returnable in four weeks to the AP government. It also issued a direction to the state police not to adopt any coercive action till the next hearing. Earlier, the court took a dig at the authorities for reacting sharply to critical media reportage on Covid, wondering whether a sedition case was lodged against a news channel for showing a body being thrown into a river. "We saw a picture of a body being thrown in river. I do not know whether a sedition case has been filed against the news channel for showing that," Justice Chandrachud asked sarcastically.

COURT ORDER

Comply with new IT rules, HC tells Twitter

TWITTER has to comply with the new Information Technology Rules for digital media if they have not been stayed, the Delhi High Court said on Monday.

Justice Rekha Palli issued notice to the Centre and social media platform Twitter seeking their stand on a plea by a lawyer, Amit Acharya, claiming non-compliance of the rules by it.

While Twitter claimed before the court that it has complied with the rules and appointed a resident grievance officer, the central government disputed the claim.

"They have to follow it, if it has not been stayed," the court said.

In his plea, filed through advocate Akash Vajpai and Manish Kumar, Acharya said that he came to know about the alleged non-compliance when he tried to lodge a complaint against a couple of tweets.

During the hearing, central government standing counsel Ripudaman Singh Bhardwaj told the court that Twitter has not complied with the rules.Acharya, in his plea, said that the new IT Rules took effect from February 25 and the Centre had given three months to every social media intermediary, including Twitter, to comply with them. He contended that the three-month period got over on May 25, but no resident grievance officer was appointed by Twitter to deal with complaints regarding tweets on its platform. The petition has sought a direction to Twitter to appoint a resident grievance officer. It has also sought a direction to the Centre to ensure that the IT rules are complied with. *PTI*

They have to follow it (rules), if it has not been stayed — Delhi High Court

EXPRESS READ

Security forces defuse two IEDs in Pulwama

Srinagar: Security forces foiled twin attempts by militants to stage deadly attacks by detecting and defusing two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said. "Inputs were received that #terrorists were planning to carry out #IED attacks which shall be spectacular. Acting swiftly 02 IEDs have been recovered."

Ban sought on web series *Bombay Begaum*

New Delhi: The Hindu Janjagruti Samiti on Monday sought a ban on *Bombay Begaum* web series saying the series shows sexual exploitation of children. The Bombay Begaum has painted a wrong picture of society, the Samiti said. In the web series, sexual harassment of children is shown. The Hindu Janjagruti Samiti said, therefore it is seeking a ban on the show.

Debris at Ram Temple site removed: VHP

New Delhi: The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Monday said the work to clear debris from the depth of the Ram Temple site has been completed. The VHP national general secretary Champak Rai said the debris was cleared on the suggestions of the technical experts, who had assessed extensive remains of debris in the site. "Debris was found at a depth of 45 feet," Rai said. The VHP said 1.20 lakh cubic meter of debris has been removed from the site.

Punjab MLAs and ministers meet panel on factionalism

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TWENTY-FIVE Congress MLAs, including 11 state cabinet ministers and the president of the state Congress unit Sunil Jakhar met the three-member panel recently constituted by the party's interim president Sonia Gandhi to solve factionalism ahead of the forthcoming Assembly elections.

The state delegation met the three-member panel for about half an hour. The delegation included cabinet ministers Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and Charanjit Singh Channi, who has been vocal against Chief Minister Amarinder Singh.

After the meeting, Randhawa appeared visibly upset. He told media that he cannot disclose what transpired behind closed doors, but reiterated his firm view that action must be taken in the sacrilege case. MLA Raj Kumar Verka, who was among those who met the panel on Monday, said the high command will announce a big responsibility for the Dalits.

Madhubani Lit Fest celebrates life of Janaki

The Centre for Studies of Tradition and Systems (CSTS) based in New Delhi, through its flagship events Madhubani Literature Festival and Maithali Munch, celebrated the Janaki Navami as an intellectual expression of the grandeur of Janaki and her socio-cultural and religious enlightenment. Savita Jha Khan, the founder of CSTS said the Madhubani Literature Festival held on May 20 and 21 was dedicated to Janaki. It saw the participation of people from across the globe over social media. It was held in collaboration with Masi Inc from Maa Janaki Mandir in Janakpur.

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PATNA DIARY

Discussion held on children's safety during pandemic

An online interactive session was held to discuss a possible third wave of Covid-19 and how it may affect children. Health experts and representatives from UNICEF's Bihar office took part in the event along with mediapersons. "To protect the children in rural areas, the government needs to step up Covid surveillance in villages with the help of panchayats," said Dr Nigam Prakash, a former national Vice President of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics. Nafisa Binte Shafique, the chief of UNICEF in Bihar, Dr Siddhartha Reddy, UNICEF health officer (Bihar), Dr Shivani Dar, UNICEF nutrition officer (Bihar), and other experts appreciated the media's role during the pandemic. They said all adults must follow responsible behaviour in order to protect children during the third wave, if it comes.

2012-batch IPS officer awarded for quickly solving rape case

Details of an investigation into a gang-rape in Bihar's Kishanganj district in 2019 have appeared in the internal bulletin of the CBI. The victim was gang-raped in front of his father. The investigation was led by Kumar Ashish, a 2012-batch IPS officer, who is the SP of Kishanganj district. Ashish investigated the case in a methodical way, leading to the arrest of all culprits. Ashish was conferred the Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Quality Investigation.

UV light helped keep virus away, IPS officer claims

The idea of a doctor-turned IPS officer may have helped protect his staffers from Covid. Dr Kamal K Singh, MBBS, who is a 1997-batch IPS officer brought an ultra-violet (UV) lamp to be used at his office. An ultra-violet (UV) lamp uses UVC radiation disinfect for air, water, and nonporous surfaces He also promoted the use of Sodium hypochlorite, which is widely regarded as an excellent sterilizer. Singh pointed out that the two items are widely used in operation theatres. The UV lamp is switched on inside closed office rooms for about 45 minutes at a time. The process is repeated every seven hours. Singh claimed that not a single person out of the 60 to 70 people who work at his office have tested positive in the last six months. As per a WHO advisory, UV radiation from ultraviolet lamps can cause skin irritation and damage your eyes.

5,485
new Covid cases reported in Thailand on Monday.
Confirmed deaths increased by 19 to take the total to 1,031

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	30	18	SNY	Los Angeles	24	16	SNY
Colombo	29	27	LC	Melbourne	16	10	LC
Dhaka	34	27	TDS	Moscow	16	8	LC
Dubai	41	28	SNY	New York	25	16	LC
Houston	30	23	LC	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	20	15	TDS	Toronto	21	12	LC
London	24	13	SNY	Washington	27	16	LC

Birth rate dips, China allows 3-child families

Changes two-kid policy implemented since 2016 | Census data showing a rapidly ageing society prompts move

BEIJING

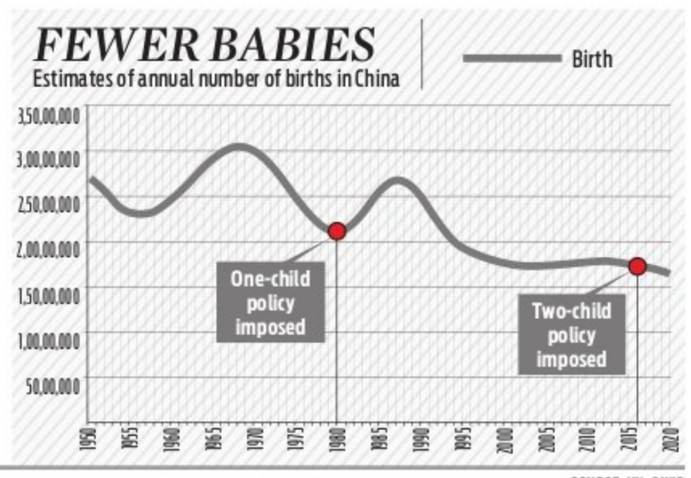
CHINA will allow couples to have three children after a census showed its population is rapidly ageing, state media said on Monday, further unwinding four decades of strict family planning controls in the world's most populous nation which have strangled the birth rate.

In 2016 China relaxed its controversial "one-child policy" — one of the world's strictest family planning regulations — to a "two-child policy" due to widespread concerns over an ageing workforce and economic stagnation.

Despite government efforts to encourage couples to have children, China's annual births have continued to plummet to a record low of 12 million in 2020, the National Bureau of Statistics said last month, as the cost of living rises and women increasingly make their own family planning choices.

The slump threatens a demographic crisis which has alarmed the ruling Communist Party headed by President Xi Jinping, booking in a shortage of young workers to drive an economy experts say will by 2050 will have to support hundreds of millions of elderly.

Two women with babies sit talking to each other in a park in Beijing | AFP FILE



SOURCE: UN, OWID

> It's reasonable for the government to introduce policies to spur childbirths in the face of huge population pressure. Having children is a citizen's contribution to their country
>
> Vivien, local resident

A Monday meeting of the elite Politburo leadership committee hosted by Xi announced a further loosening of the state's control over the size of families. "To actively respond to the ageing population ... a couple can have three children," state media Xinhua reported.

The Politburo meeting also promised "accompanying support measures" that are also "conducive to the country's population structure", though these were left unspecified.

China's fertility rate stands at 1.3 — below the level needed to maintain a stable population, the National Bureau of Statistics revealed.

The once-in-a-decade 2020 census results published last month also showed that China's population grew at its slowest rate since the 1960s, reaching 1.41 billion.

China's gender balance has also been skewed by decades of the one-child policy, and a traditional social preference for boys which prompted a generation of sex-selective abortions and abandoned baby girls.

Although the policy has been relaxed in the last few years, this has not prompted the baby boom policymakers had hoped for. Falling marriage rates in recent years have played out in slower birth rates, as have rising costs of living and increasingly empowered and educated women delaying or avoiding childbirth.

It may be too late to reverse the downward trend, some experts say.

"Most families have a preference for few children now — akin to the rest of Northeast Asia," said Lauren Johnston, a China economics and demography researcher at SOAS University of London. "By the time of the next census will there be many third children? Probably few," she said. AFP

Democrats walk out in Texas to scupper GOP election overhaul plans

AUSTIN

DEMOCRATS in the Texas legislature used a dramatic walk-out late Sunday to torpedo Republican plans for a restrictive voting bill that President Joe Biden had decried as voter suppression and an "assault on democracy."

The law would – among other changes -- make mail-in voting more difficult by requiring voters to give extra information, bar local officials from sending absentee ballot applications to anyone who did not request one, and end after-hours and drive-through voting.

Supporters say Senate Bill 7 is designed to make voting more secure, but critics say it aims to make it more cumbersome for ethnic-minority voters, who tend to vote Democrat.

"Republicans came into the legislative session hell-bent on passing legislation that would rig our democracy for their team," Democrat state representative Jessica Gonzalez tweeted after the walk-out.

> Tonight, Texas Dems drew a line in the sand and made it clear that we will fight day and night, every tactic available to us, for your right to vote
>
> Jessica Gonzalez, Democrat state representative

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But the bill could yet make it into law. Texas Governor Greg Abbott said after its defeat that he would call a special session to get it through the legislature.

At about 10.45 pm Sunday, as the bill was discussed on the floor of the State House, the Democratic members departed the chamber en masse, leaving the body short of the required 100 members in attendance to pass anything.

The session was then adjourned, ending any hopes of the bill passing in this legislative term.

However, Abbott, a Republican who backs the election changes, raised the possibility of a special session to push them through.

"Election Integrity & Bail Reform were emergency items for this legislative session. They STILL must pass," he tweeted. "They will be added to the special session agenda."

In a tweet, Texas House Republicans decried the walk-out.

"The Texas House Republican Caucus condemns the actions of their colleagues in the Texas House who chose to vacate their Constitutional responsibility and leave millions of Texans without resolution on key issues in the final hours of the legislative session," they said.

Republicans say the bill is needed to head off election fraud, as claimed by Donald Trump in his repeated false assertions that he beat Biden last November and that the presidential election was stolen from him. AFP

ETHNIC CLASH?

New attacks in eastern Congo, 50 feared dead

BUNIA

AT LEAST 50 people were killed overnight in two new attacks in the Democratic Republic of Congo's deeply troubled east, monitors said on Monday.

A local official blamed the notorious ADF militia, which has been linked to the Islamic State group, but others said the attacks may have been ethnic in origin.

Citing a provisional toll, the Kivu Security Tracker (KST) said 28 people had been killed in Boga and 22 in Tchabi, villages lying about 10km apart in an area known for Allied Democratic Forces attacks and community friction.

The respected monitor said this was the highest death toll it had recorded in a single day since it was founded in 2017. It had earlier given a tally for the attacks of 39 dead.

One community leader said children and the elderly were among the victims.

The DRC army gave a slightly higher provisional toll of 53 after a meeting of security forces in Bunia, the capital of Ituri province where the attacks took place. Local MP Gracien Iracan spoke of 60 dead.

"Seven trucks arrived to remove the victims — it's a dramatic situation," Iracan said.

"They're still finding bodies, so the toll is likely to grow," he added, while "many wounded people are still hiding in the bush, everyone fled there".

A UN source told AFP that South African blue helmets from the MONUSCO peacekeeping mission's small base in Tchabi had exchanged fire with the attackers when they tried to intervene. A local civil society leader attributed the attacks to the ADF, a historically Ugandan Islamist group blamed for a string of massacres in the past 18 months. AFP

EXPRESS READ

FRENCH POLICE DETAIN FUGITIVE EX-SOLDIER

Paris: Police in southwest France detained Monday a former soldier who fled into a forest after firing on security forces in an incident that sparked a massive manhunt, officials said. A top official in the Dordogne region told a press conference that the suspect was shot and wounded after exchanging fire with police, and had been taken into custody. Authorities had released earlier Monday a picture of the suspect, Terry Dupin, describing the bearded 29-year-old as a "dangerous individual."

IRAN SAYS SAUDI TALKS PROGRESSING NICELY

Tehran: Iran's foreign ministry said the country is continuing talks with Saudi Arabia in a "good atmosphere," in the hope of reaching a "common understanding". Media reports last month revealed that Iranian and Saudi officials met in Baghdad in April, their first high-level meeting since Riyadh cut diplomatic ties with Tehran after Iranian protestors attacked Saudi diplomatic missions following the kingdom's execution of a revered Shiite cleric.

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The general public are hereby notified that my client **Mrs. Javvaji Honey Reddy** W/o. Mr. Dandu Subba Rao, and Mrs. GANDIKOTA RAMANNA PADMAVATHI W/o. Mr. Javvaji Nagabhushana Reddy are the absolute owners of Residential Property bearing No.15/A, Katha No.227, Formed Out of Property No.93/2, Situated at **Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk,** in all Measuring 300 Square Feet, coming under BBMP, Bengaluru, along with residential building Standing thereon, and bounded on the : **East by : Road, West by : Site No.15, North by : Property belongs to Kodanda, South by : Road;** their predecessor-in-title Mrs. Rajeshwari W/o Late.Mr.A.E.Karibasappa has lost original Sale Deed dated 23.04.2003, bearing document No.1348-2003-04, Stored in CD No.83, Registered on 28.04.2003 at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram,Bengaluru, pertaining to said property. In this regard, a police complaint dated 20.05.2021, was lodged by Mrs. Javvaji Honey Reddy with Bengaluru City Police in Lost Report No.10216B/2021. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our client and they shall do so at their own risk.

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Place : Bangalore **Bank of Baroda**

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Package No.	Name of work	Bid Identification No	Indicative project cost (Rs. in crore)	Period for completion & O&M period	Availability of Bid document for online Bidding	
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Pkg-I	Execution of Mega PWS to 13 GPs of Banki, 17GPs Dampada & 02 GP of Baranga Block in Cuttack district including 5 years O&M on EPC contract under the package.	EIC, RWSS -09/21-22	202.58	24 (Twenty four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs of 04.06.2021	17.00 hrs of 04.07.2021

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DIPR/ADK/MCA/169/21-22 dt 31.5.2021

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited
Registered Office-Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat-362266
Branch office-D-17 Sector-3 Noida UP

Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 (54of 2002) (The Act)

Name and Addresse(s) of Borrower(s) (A)	Description of Property (B)	Loan amount (Rs) (C)	Loan account No. (D)	Outstanding amount (Rs.) (E)	Date of Notice (F)	NPA Date (G)
01. Mr.Rahul Kashinath Thombare, H.No.301, MSR Bello Arcade, Vijayabank Colony Extension, Horamavu, Bangalore – 560043 **Also At:- Mr.Rahul Kashinath Thombare,Senior Network Engineer, Dimension Data India Private Limited,** 3rd Floor, Wing B, E2 Block, Silver Oak, Manyatra Embassy Business Park, Outer Ring Road, Nagawara, Bangalore - 560045	Flat No.2302, measuring 1290 sq.ft. Super Area, on the 23rd Floor, in Tower/Block A9/A9, project named Eco Village – 3, situated at Plot No.GH-06, SEC-16-B, Greater Noida, 201303.	Rs. 36,46,000/-	LNDELHL_-12170029710 and LNDELHL_-12170030723	Rs 41,05,997.76 (Rupees Fourty One Lakhs Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven and Seventy Six Paisa Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.05.2021	15-May-2021	31.03.2021
1.Amit Katyal, 404, Godrej Woodsman Estate, Ebont Winga Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560024 **2.Renu Katyal,** 404, Godrej Woodsman Estate, Ebont Winga Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560024	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Bungalow No. 9, Tower No. VS7, Sky Bungalows, GH02, Sector - 41, Faridabad, Haryana – 121003.	Rs. 1,66,00,000/-	LNDELPHL-06150023509	Rs. 1,47,55,328/- (Rupees One Crore Fourty Seven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.05.2021.	13-May-2021	31.03.2021

Whereas Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, having its above mentioned branch office (hereinafter referred as "ABHFL") had extended to the above named borrower(s) written in column A separate credit facilities written in Column C vide Loan account no mentioned in Column D against the name of each set of borrowers.

The said credit facilities are secured inter alia by way of mortgage over the immovable property as described in column" B" (hereafter referred to as the "Secured Asset").

That the above named borrower(s) have failed to maintain financial discipline in the loan account and as per the books of accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by ABHFL there exists an outstanding amount indicated in column E as indicated against the name of each of the borrower(s) .

Due to persistent default in repayment of the loan amount on the part of the above named borrower(s) the loan account of the above named borrower(s) have been classified by ABHFL as non performing asset/s on indicated in the column G respectively within the norms stipulated by the Reserve Bank of India/ National Housing Board. Consequently, notices under Sec 13(2) of the Sarfaesi Act, 2002 were also issued to each of the borrower(s) notice dated mentioned in Column F, which have Undelivered/Delivered.

In view of the above default ABHFL hereby calls upon the above named borrower(s) to discharge in full their liabilities towards ABHFL by making payment of the entire outstanding dues indicated in Column E as indicated above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, ABHFL shall be entitled to take possession of the Secured Asset and shall also take other actions as is available to ABHFL in law.

That please be informed that you, the above named borrower(s) are hereby restrained from alienating (including by way of transfer, sale, lease or otherwise) or creating third party interest or dealing with the secured Asset in any manner except with specific prior written permission from ABHFL. Be informed that any contravention thereof shall be punishable with imprisonment up to a period of one year or with fine or with both.

That please note that this is a final notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Needless to say, that ABHFL shall be within its right to exercise any or all of the rights referred to above against you the Addressee entirely at your risk, responsibility and costs.

Place: BANGALORE **Signed by Authorized Officer,**
Date: 01-06-2021 **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited**

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
(Erstwhile Andhra Bank)
(A.Govt. of India Undertaking)

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E-mail: bm1433@unionbankofindia.com

DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below-classified as NPA.

We have to inform you that you whose Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from **Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Andhra Bank) R.T.Nagar Branch**, offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr.Laique Ahmed, S/o Abdul Subhan, #25/16, 7th A Main, Near Mina Masjid, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore-560029 **(2) Mrs.Nigar Sultana,** W/o Laique Ahmed, #25/16, 7th A Main, Near Mina Masjid, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore-560029.

Name of Facility Amount Due

S.No	Facility / Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on:31.03.2021
1	HLPGN	Rs 19,20,000/-	Rs 20,72,436.20

Amount Outstanding : A/c No HLPGN, Rs.20,72,436.20 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Six and Twenty Paise Only) **as on 31.03.2021** with subsequent interest as per the agreement (s).

NPA Date. 18.02.2021 **Demand Date : 05.04.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets:

All that piece and parcel of Residential property site No.1304/23, measuring (18.6 +26.4)/2* 30ft, totally measuring 675 Sq.ft formed in Sy No.484/1 measuring 1 acre 23 guntas and Sy No.484/2 measuring 0.10 guntas totally measuring 1 acre 33 guntas of land situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluq, Bangalore District belongs to Mr. Laique Ahmed S/o Abdul Subhan.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 31.05.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Andhra Bank)**

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Market Watch

MARKET				GOLD				SILVER				FOREX	
514.56	Sensex	51,937.44		₹2	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,855		₹296	Per kg	₹71,245		Dollar	72.83
147.15	Nifty	15,582.8		₹2	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,836		₹0.3	Per gm	₹71.25		Euro	88.67

Crypto traders get relief as RBI clarifies stance

Despite SC order, many banks used old RBI circular to shun crypto

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

IN a major relief to crypto enthusiasts, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday clarified that banks cannot shun crypto transactions citing its 2018 circular since it is no longer "valid". The clarification comes in the wake of banks denying services to customers that deal with virtual currencies. Some, including HDFC Bank and State Bank of India (SBI), have even warned users that their accounts may be suspended if trading continues.

"The 2018 circular (on cryptocurrencies) was set aside by the Supreme Court on March 4, 2020. As such, the circular is no longer valid from the date of the judgement, and therefore cannot be cited or quoted from," RBI said in a circular.

The regulator, however, advised banks to continue doing due diligence of customers on any crypto-related dealings along with ensuring compliance with relevant provisions under Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) for overseas remittances.

1.6 crore
Indian exposed to crypto

₹15,000 cr
Estimated crypto holdings

Over the past one month, several financial institutions including ICICI Bank and Paytm Payments Bank have cut ties with crypto exchanges and blocked the exchanges' ability to accept rupee deposits in the absence of a clear directive from RBI on the Supreme Court verdict. Industry experts say that the clarification will enable lenders to engage with the crypto industry.

"The entire crypto community is relieved. Banks have been on the fence whether they should service the crypto industry or not. But now, we hope that this circular encourages banks to update their compliance teams and provide banking access to Indian crypto exchanges," said Nischal Shetty, CEO and Founder of India's largest crypto bourse, WazirX.

Even as the RBI and the government have not formed an opinion on cryptocurrencies, many Indians have taken exposure in the ever-growing crypto market. Data collated from crypto exchanges estimate roughly 1.6 crore Indians have invested in cryptocurrencies, with a cumulative holding of ₹15,000 crore. Wazir X alone claims to have nearly 20 lakh active users. RBI, however, asked banks to continue carrying out the necessary customer due diligence process in line with regulations.

SpiceJet salaries based on work hours

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE carrier SpiceJet has reverted to a pay structure where it will pay employees based on the number of hours they work for the company. Additionally, the airline is deferring May salaries, stating that Covid-19 has severely impacted the aviation sector.

Previously, SpiceJet had deferred upto 50 per cent of their employees' April salary and, in May 2020, it had said that it would be paying salaries to all employees based on their work hours in the current month.

"Much like last year, the second wave of Covid-19 has hit the Indian aviation industry the hardest, but this time the impact has been much more severe especially on our industry. During this second wave the passenger traffic has fallen to less than 10 per cent as compared to the pre-Covid levels," SpiceJet's Human Resource department said in an email to its employees. According to official data, the average number of daily fliers stood at 49,000 for the week ended May 30.

SpiceJet's mail read, "Under these extreme and unavoidable circumstances which we are currently enduring, the company is reverting to the structure where employees will be paid according to the work hours contributed while maintaining basic thresholds."

It added, "While the salaries for the month of May shall be credited to your bank accounts on June 1, there will be a gradued deferment of up to 35 per cent for some of our employees. The deferred amount will be released from second week of June 2021 onwards." However, salaries will not be deducted for employees in the lowest grade.

A pilot with SpiceJet, requesting anonymity, said that these new measures may severely bring down their monthly income since the second wave has impacted operations. "My monthly salary was halved following a cut last year. These new cost cutting measures may further reduce my monthly earning," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Petrol, diesel prices hiked again

New Delhi: Diesel prices on Monday went past the ₹98-a-litre mark in a few places of Rajasthan as a relentless increase in fuel prices took rates to record-high levels. Petrol price was increased by 29 paise per litre and diesel by 26 paise a litre, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. The increase—the 16th this month—pushed petrol and diesel prices to a fresh all-time high.

EPFO allows second Covid-19 advance

New Delhi: EPFO has allowed its over five crore subscribers to avail the second Covid-19 advance in view of the second wave of the coronavirus infections in the country. Earlier last year, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) had allowed its members to withdraw COVID-19 advance to meet exigencies. The members were allowed to withdraw three months basic wages (basic pay + DA).

FY21 fiscal deficit lower than expected at 9.3%, FY22 target a tough ask

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

INDIA'S fiscal deficit for FY21 stood at 9.3 per cent of GDP, lower than the 9.5 per cent estimated by the Ministry of Finance earlier in February. The 0.2 per cent trim in final deficit numbers is due to the combination of compressed expenditure and higher revenue collections than initially estimated.

According to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the fiscal deficit works out to ₹18,21,461 crore in absolute terms, down from the revised budgetary estimate of ₹18,48,655 crore. But both numbers are supremely higher than the ₹7.96 lakh crore, or 3.5% of GDP, that was envisaged last year before the pandemic struck.

FY21's gross tax collection, at ₹20.25 lakh crore, surpassed the previous year's ₹20.10 lakh crore on the back of higher excise and customs collections. The excise duty collection, at ₹3.89 lakh crore, was ₹1.7 lakh crore more than the ₹2.23 lakh crore recorded in the previous year. This was mostly on account of higher taxes on fuel. Within this, net tax collections surpassed estimates by 6 per cent at over ₹14 lakh crore. On the other hand, total expenditure was ₹61,000 crore more than the revised estimate.

Total revenue receipts stood at ₹16.32 lakh crore, higher than the revised estimate of ₹15.55 lakh crore. Total receipts sood at ₹16.89 lakh crore as against the revised estimate of ₹16.01 lakh crore. Total capital expenditure was at ₹4.24 lakh crore against revised estimates of ₹4.38 lakh crore. Collection from disinvestments was ₹32,885.94 against revised estimates of ₹32,000 crore.

The government has set a target to reduce fiscal to 6.8 per cent of GDP this fiscal. This is higher than the 4.6 per cent seen in FY20 due to bleak revenue collections.

According to Care Ratings, the current fiscal's 6.8 per cent target appears unlikely. The second wave of the pandemic would inevitably lead to shortfalls in government income and would be accompanied by an increase in expenditure towards controlling the pandemic and alleviating the impact of the same on the most vulnerable sections.

"Though there has been limited direct intervention by the government so far on the expenditure front, we believe that there would be more action expected given the transmission of Covid to rural areas. Tax collections will be pressurised... There may be significant shortfalls seen in disinvestment as well".

CAPITAL BOOST

PNB Housing Finance mops up ₹4,000 crore from Carlyle, Puri, others

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

After months hanging in the balance, PNB Housing Finance has finally managed to rope in deep-pocketed marquee investors whose support will help fuel the company's next phase of growth.

On Monday, the board approved raising ₹4,000 crore in capital from US-based private equity firm Carlyle Group and a handful of other investors, including HDFC Bank chief Aditya Puri, through a preferential share issue. Post this infusion, Carlyle will become the largest shareholder of the company.

As part of the transaction, Pluto Investments, an affiliated entity of Carlyle, has agreed to invest up to ₹3,185 crore. Post the allotment of equity and warrants, Pluto will hold 30.2 per cent in the mortgage lender. Carlyle, through a separate vehicle, Quality Investments Holdings currently owns 32.2 per cent in the firm.

Besides the PE firm, Salisbury Investments Pvt. Ltd, the family investment vehicle of former HDFC bank managing director Aditya Puri will invest ₹25 crore. Puri, senior advisor to Carlyle, is expected to be sent to the PNB board as a Carlyle nominee in due course. As for existing shareholders of the company, Alpha Investments Fund, a fund managed by Ares SSG, will invest ₹400 crore and General Atlantic Singapore will invest ₹390 crore.

Meanwhile, Punjab National Bank (PNB), which owns a little over 32 per cent stake right now, will continue to be the promoter along with Carlyle and Puri. Both Carlyle and PNB have shelved their initial plans to sell their stake in the company. Later, however, Carlyle had withdrawn from stake sale. The fresh round of fundraising also comes after PNB was barred by the regulator from infusing further funds in its financing arm since the government is pushing state-run banks to get out of non-core businesses. The RBI preferres that the lender uses available capital for its own needs first.

> **The key objective of raising capital is to augment capital adequacy, accelerate growth with a focus on retail housing, including self-employed and affordable loans**
>
> Hardayal Prasad, MD & CEO, PNBHF

According to Hardayal Prasad, managing director and CEO of PNB Housing Finance, the key objective of raising capital is to augment capital adequacy, accelerate growth with a focus on retail housing, including self-employed and affordable housing loans.

Chennai auto plants that suspended work after protests resume operations

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

SEVERAL factories that had been forced to shut shop in automobile hub Chennai after the recent surge in Covid cases, and the resulting worker agitations, resumed operations on Monday. But, while most workers returned to the factory floor, sources in employee unions say that discussions with company managements continues over safety-related demands for and support for those affected by Covid.

Major manufacturers such as Hyundai Motor India, Ford India, Renault Nissan Automotive India, India Yamaha Motor, and Eicher (which manufactures the Royal Enfield brand of motorcycles) had all suspended operations for varying periods over the past few days. In many cases, workers' unions have agitated for a suspension of operations, such as in RNAIPL, where the workers' union went to court.

Govt action sought

Ford India union leaders said that TN's policy of allowing auto plants to function during the lockdown must be revoked, since it was the basis on which the firm was continuing operations

On Monday, the bench hearing the case ordered the state labour department to conduct an inspection the factory while asking workers to conduct a dialogue with the management and return to work. Protests had also been seen at Hyundai and Ford's facilities before they suspended operations last week.

Except for India Yamaha Motor, which said in a statement that it is resuming operations on June 1, all others named resumed operations on Monday. According to union sources, Hyundai has ramped down capacity by cancelling one of its three shifts while Ford India has instituted WFH where possible.

In the case of RNAIPL, union leaders said that discussions with the management were still going on and that most workers "have not yet gone back to work". However, in a statement, a Nissan spokesperson said, "We were glad to welcome 3,000 employees today to restart production of aftersales and export parts machining, and to finalise preparations for the reopening, which will be done in a phased and gradual manner."

Mensa Brands to try out Thrasio model in India

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

E-COMMERCE executives are now leveraging their expertise to raise funding for investments into direct-to-consumer (D2C) brands sold on online market places—popularly called the Thrasio model, adapted from the US-based unicorn. Former Myntra CEO and Medlife co-founder Ananth Narayan has raised $50 million through his firm, Mensa Brands, to invest in third party businesses that sell on Amazon, Flipkart, etc.

Over the next three years, Mensa Brands plans to acquire more than 50 brands across categories including home, garden, apparel, personal care and beauty categories.

E-commerce sellers, who have a small revenue base and typically find it hard to attract institutional investors, have benefitted from Tharsio business model which helps them scale their business and raise more capital. In India, the concept is in a nascent stage. Former Flipkart top executive Rishi Vasudev is also said to be in talks with various investment firms to support D2C brands on e-commerce platforms.

"Scaling digital brands from India is a large opportunity. Incredibly excited and passionate about partnering with terrific founders and helping scale their brands globally. Having seen this first hand at Myntra and Medlife we know the effort it takes to scale digitally —we will be a true trustee of your brand," Narayanan said.

Mensa Brand's funding round was led by Accel Partners, Falcon Edge Capital, and Norwest Venture Partners as well as by prominent angel investors such as Kunal Shah, Mukesh Bansal, Rahul Mehta of DST Global and Scott Shleifer.

India Inc seeks doubling of allocation for ECLGS

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

INDIA Inc has hailed the widening of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) scheme to include the troubled civil aviation sector and provide additional support to small businesses but has also sought higher allocations for the scheme.

The extent of the scheme remains restricted at ₹3 lakh crore, of which ₹2.55 lakh crore has already been utilised. This means that only ₹45,000 crore will be available for aviation and MSMEs. "We have requested that the quantum under ECLGS should be doubled to ₹6 lakh crore. We hope that the appropriate enhancements will be made in time," FICCI president Uday Shankar said. CII president Uday Kotak had also urged an increase in the quantum of loans to around ₹5 lakh crore. Assocham has also sought a doubling of the threshold. "A minimum ₹3 lakh crore more should be pumped in to help these stressed units," said Assocham secretary general Deepak Sood.

Though the sovereign-backed lending programme has been revised many times to include various sectors, the pace of utilisation has been quite low. "In our coverage, we see regional banks like City Union Bank, Karur Vysya Bank and small private banks like DCB Bank to be key beneficiaries as they have disbursed about 3-5 per cent of loans under this scheme," Kotak Institutional Equities wrote in a note.

Business & Beyond

UCO Bank makes net profit of ₹80 cr in Q4

UCO Bank has made a net profit of ₹80.02 crore during the quarter ended March 2021 as against net profit of ₹16.78 crore in the quarter ended March 2020. Net profit of ₹167.03 crore during the year ended March 2021 as against net loss of ₹2,436.83 crore during the year ended March 2020. The bank has registered a net profit in FY21 after continuous losses in the past five financial years and operating profit for the quarter was ₹1,532 crore.

Powergrid provides Covid infra support

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) said it is proactively working towards supporting and contributing in India's fight against Covid-19 by extending help to various states across the country. "Powergrid has provided Cold Chain equipment (181 Ice Lined Refrigerators & 130 Deep Freezers) costing around ₹2.66 crore to the states of Punjab, Sikkim, Mizoram and UT of Ladakh under CSR," it said.

Powergrid helps restore power to Diu post cyclone

State-run Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) was assigned the task of restoring the 220 kV Timbdi-Dhokadva and Savarkundla-Dhokadva Transmission Lines feeding power to Diu following extensive damage due to Taukte cyclone. Powergrid said it "took up the restoration on a war footing and a team of about 600 personnel including expert manpower worked round-the-clock for early restoration of the lines. Powergrid used the Emergency Restoration System to set up eleven towers and also constructed 10 new towers restoring the 220 kV Timbdi-Dhokadva line on May 28

City Union Bank records 24% rise in net profit

City Union Bank has posted a 24 per cent increase its net profit for FY21, from ₹476 crore to ₹593 crore. The bank also posted a growth of 8 per cent in total Business. Deposits increased by 9 per cent from ₹40,832 crore to ₹44,537 crore. Advances grew by 7 per cent from ₹34,576 crore to ₹37,021 crore. Net Interest Income was up by 9 per cent from ₹1,675 crore to ₹1,830 crore. CASA deposits increased by 27 per cent from ₹10,197 crore to ₹12,981 crore, while the CASA ratio stood at 29 per cent of total deposits. The bank's Net Interest Margin for the period stood at 4 per cent.

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Although decreased demand especially due to Indian lockdowns have started to have an adverse impact on LNG prices, nonetheless crude linked LNG prices remain strong. Commissioning of the three fertilizer plants by end-2021 would mitigate the concerns over US HH contracts and trading segment, thereby warranting a re-rating of the stock. In the meantime, spurt in spot LNG prices as well as petrochem margins would help the stock in the short-term. If volume pick up commences in the CGDs, then it may result in additional value.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Aftershocks of second wave may hit growth trajectory

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WHILE public expenditure by the government rose 2.91% in FY21, it is much slower than the 7.88% rise seen in FY20. On the supply side, barring agriculture, electricity and utility services, all witnessed decline during FY21 and the services sector was severely hit, contracting 18.2%, followed by construction and mining at 8.6% and 8.5%, respectively.

Sreejith Balasubramanian, Economist-Fund Management, IDFC AMC, said with the onset of the second wave, the key aspects are how would household income and consumption shape up, the impact on and the contribution from the rural economy this time and investment and lending behaviour. "With exports alone insufficient to drive growth in the medium-term, demand visibility and thus a growth-cycle in employment and wages becomes critical."

Going ahead, the aftershocks of the second Covid wave and fears of a third wave may keep the growth trajectory on shaky ground this year with economists saying the pace of vaccination will determine how soon the economy recovers.

Chief Economic Advisor KV Subramanian said while the overall economic impact of the second wave is not likely to be large, it would be difficult to predict the exact growth number amid predictions of a third wave. "Our assessment is it poses some downside risk to growth in the first quarter," he said, while admitting that the economy needs fiscal support.

Sakshi Gupta, senior economist at HDFC Bank, said while the numbers for the April-June quarter might look upbeat due to a low base, the sequential growth may contract. "With the spread of the virus more acute in rural areas, sectors dependent on the rural economy will come under stress," she said.

Sergio Aguero signs for Barcelona till 2023

Argentine striker Sergio Aguero will join Barcelona on a free transfer following his departure from Manchester City. The 32-year-old underwent a medical at Camp Nou on Monday before signing a two-year contract with the Catalan giants. Barcelona moved for Aguero after City's decision to let the striker go at the end of his contract.

Sanjeet gets gold, Panghal silver

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

AFTER the end of the contest, Amit Panghal turned towards his corner and gave a double fist pump. After a strong finish in the final two rounds of the 52 kg final of the Asian Championships against Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan, it looked likely that the pugilist had unlocked the code against Zoirov, with whom he had lost twice in the past. He had thrown everything he had in his tank, putting Zoirov on the defensive on numerous occasions, especially in the closing period.

It was still not enough as he narrowly missed out on points, losing by a split verdict (3-2 in Zoirov's favour). When the scores were later put up, it was clear that Panghal's emotional gesture after the fight was not misplaced. He had, in fact, bagged the last two rounds, getting three (Rd 2: 10-9, 9-10, 9-10, 10-9, 10-9; Rd 3: 10-9, 9-10, 10-9, 9-10, 10-9) votes out of five on both the occasions. The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) had contested the verdict but the jury dismissed it.

In a much-anticipated contest in Dubai, which was also a rematch of the 2019 World Championships final, both fighters made explosive starts. It was a high-quality affair with both exchanging solid punches. "It's important to get the victory and show that Amit is capable of beating Zoirov. It's an important fight psychologically. But the Olympics will be different," Santiago Nieva, India men's high performance director, had said on the eve of the fight. Panghal certainly showed what this fight means to him. He fell just short again. Hopefully, as Nieva says, the Olympics will be different. Later, Shiva Thapa (64kg) also suffered heartbreak, losing 2-3 against Baatarsukh Chinzorig of Mongolia in the final.

Stunning show

Later in the day, Sanjeet (91 kg) shocked Rio Olympic silver medallist Vassiliy Levit to claim top prize. The Kazakh veteran, who was seeking his fourth gold medal in the competition, seemed to be in disbelief with the final verdict (4-1 in Sanjeet's favour). Sanjeet became the only male boxer from India to clinch gold in this edition of the continental event. India ended the campaign with 2 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze medals overall.

BCCI top brass in Dubai to plan IPL resumption

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THE Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has set the ball rolling to resume the suspended 2021 edition of IPL in the UAE. The top brass of the board, led by secretary Jay Shah, reached Dubai on Monday, where they are set to meet with Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) and the local authorities to discuss the nitty-gritty of not just hosting the IPL but possibly the T20 World Cup as well. It is understood that with the region being a prime spot to host international cricket events, BCCI might sign an MoU with the ECB to use Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Sharjah as its 'home venues' for next six months.

The BCCI delegation comprising Shah, treasurer Arun Dhumal, joint-secretary Jayesh George and general manager operations Dhiraj Malhotra landed in Dubai after getting special permission to land in the Emirate as passenger flights are suspended between the two countries because of the increasing Covid-19 numbers in India. BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, IPL COO Hemang Amin and Governing Council chairman Brijesh Patel are likely to join them mid-week.

The urgency showed by the BCCI is understandable as they are keen on finalising the dates as it would help them reduce costs. The IPL and the T20 World Cup, should the BCCI choose to conduct the latter in the Gulf, will coincide with Dubai Expo, which begins on October 1 and runs till March 31, 2022. With this being a global event and hotel rooms already booked, the BCCI and the IPL franchises believe they have to spend more on accommodation this time, which, they believe, will burn a hole in their pocket.

But there could be good news as the ECB is understood to be keen on letting fans in each of the three stadiums. "Bringing fans to the stadium is one of the things that is being discussed and since a large crowd will arrive for Dubai Expo, allowing fans shouldn't be a problem. But whosoever is travelling for IPL – players and stakeholders – should also be vaccinated. That is one of the conditions," a board official told this newspaper.

There are strong indications that the BCCI will have to create a centralised bio-bubble that existed in 2020 when UAE hosted the IPL. The BCCI had done away with that when it hosted the event in India in April.

Meanwhile, with regards to the T20 World Cup, although the BCCI will seek a month's time from the IICC to take a final call on the venue, the board will have discussions with the ECB on the way forward.

Fate of WTC in balance, more teams in T20 WC

VENKATA KRISHNA B-@ Chennai

IT is not just the venue for the T20 World Cup which hangs in the balance. As the International Cricket Council's board assembles virtually on Tuesday, the fate of the second cycle of the World Test Championship is also up for discussion. It is understood that not all boards are keen on continuing with the WTC in the current format, which was introduced in the Future Tours Programme in 2019 to add context to Test matches.

The members are also set to approve unanimously the expansion of the T20 World Cup from 16 teams to 20 beginning with the 2024 edition. The event will take place every two years from 2022. The 50-over World Cup is also set for expansion with members agreeing to revert back to the 14-team model which was in place till the 2015 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. But there will be a significant change in the model, with the reintroduction of the Super Six stage instead of the quarterfinals. It will ensure more matches involving the Big Three – India, Australia, and England, and also help the ICC in finding a balance in accommodating the Associate members.

With regards to WTC, there are discussions underway whether a change in format is required or to suspend it for two years.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Oly qualifiers on for women archers

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

AFTER some days of uncertainty, chances of India's Olympic-hopeful women archers getting the opportunity to take part in the Final Olympic Qualification Event from June 18 in Paris look bright. While visa applications have been submitted, slight alterations are in the offing.

Initially, the LOC of the Olympic qualifier and the subsequent World Cup Stage III which starts from June 21, had informed Archery Association of India (AAI) that teams were exempt from quarantine but due to India's condition, short-term visas were denied. After intervention from Ministry of External Affairs, Sports Ministry as well as the IOA, the French govt has decided to consider.

While visas are likely to be issued, all Indian archers will have to quarantine for a period of 10 days. Also, vaccination (only Oxford-AstraZeneca or Covishield) certificates need to be provided.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Swiss legend Roger Federerin action against Denis Istomin in the first round of the French Open on Monday. The 39-year-old has returned to the Grand Slam fold after a 16-month layoff, having last played in the 2020 Australian Open | AFP

Federer returns in style

AFP @ Paris

ROGER Federer kicked off only his second French Open campaign in six years with an impressive dismissal of Denis Istomin on Monday, while reigning women's champion Iga Swiatek and men's second seed Daniil Medvedev both reached round two.

Federer, level with Rafael Nadal on 20 Grand Slam singles titles, saw off Uzbek Istomin 6-2, 6-4, 6-3. "It's a great pleasure to return. It was important to have some rehabilitation and lots of training," said Federer, seeded eighth. Poland's Swiatek, celebrating her 20th birthday, saw off her good friend Kaja Juvan 6-0, 7-5 on Court Philippe Chatrier.

SELECT RESULTS

Men (1st rd): Jannik Sinner (ITA x18) bt Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) 6-1, 4-6, 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 6-4; Roger Federer (SWI x8) bt Denis Istomin (UZB) 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; Daniil Medvedev (RUS x2) bt Alexander Bublik (KAZ) 6-3, 6-3, 7-5; **Women (1st rd):** Elise Mertens (BEL x14) bt Storm Sanders (AUS) 6-4, 6-1; ; Iga Swiatek (POL x8) bt Kaja Juvan (SLO) 6-0, 7-5; Polona Hercog (SLO) bt Kiki Bertens (NED x16) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; Harmony Tan (FRA) bt Alize Cornet (FRA) 6-4, 6-4

Judokas to leave for Worlds today

FIROZ MIRZA @ CHENNAI

A three-member Indian contingent comprising two judokas and a coach will leave for Budapest, Hungary, on Tuesday for the World Championships. The team will reach the venue via Paris. The Judo Federation of India (JFI) also submitted a plan to SAI for the judokas to have an exposure trip in France. If approved, the team will head to France from Hungary for the four-week training.

Jasleen Singh Saini (-66kg) and L Shushila Devi (-48kg) were chosen by the federation for the competition scheduled from June 6 to 13. Only one of them can qualify for the Tokyo Games. Shushila leads the ranking chart with 989 points and is 69 points ahead of her compatriot Jasleen.

"The team, including coach Jiwan Sharma, is leaving tomorrow (Tuesday). All of them returned negative in the two tests mandated by the organising committee," said a JFI source.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Copa moved to Brazil

SAO PAOLO: South America's largest football tournament, the Copa America, was moved Monday to Brazil after a Covid-19 surge in Argentina and social unrest in Colombia saw the co-hosts stripped of the right to host just two weeks ahead of kickoff.

Bheke departs

BENGALURU: Bengaluru FC announced the departure of versatile defender Rahul Bheke on Monday. The 30-year-old, who featured for the Blues in 88 matches, spent four years at the club. Also, striker Thongkhosiem Haokip departed Bengaluru.

KSFA extend renewal date

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) Core Committee extended the last date of license and membersehip renewal of its affiliated clubs to June 30 due to Covid-19. Clubs, which miss the said date, can still renew upto July 15,but with a fine.

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi. (PIU)
Website : https://www.kpwd.gov.in Email:eeudp@kpwd.gov.in
No EE/PWD/UDN/NIT/06/2021-22/AE-2 Dated:28.05.2021

Tender Notice

The Tender for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (Viz.www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) Last date for Submission of tender in E-procurement: **11.06.2021** Eligible Tenderer : **Class - 3 & Above.**

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction Approach Road at Endpoint of Padubidri Nadipatna Beach Road in Kapu Constituency, Udupi District. Indent No. 135526	66.68	Rs. 1,33,400/-

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept, Udupi Division, Udupi
DIPR/ADU/MCA/108/21-22 dt.31.5.2021

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Notice Inviting Bid

(A) Bids for Construction of 400 kV and 220 kV bays including supply of all equipments / materials, erection (including Civil works), testing & commissioning alongwith erection (including Civil works), testing and commissioning of 400/220 kV, 500 MVA Transformer at existing IEC: 61850 compliant 400/220/132 kV GSS Hindaun **(BN-9019002101 & UBN: VPN2122WLOB00160)** are invited from interested bidders upto 06.00 PM on 22.06.2021.
(B) Bids for Construction of 400/220KV GSS Pachpadra along with 500MVA 400/220/33 KV Transformer and 400 KV, 125MVAR Bus Reactor Including Supply of All Equipments/Materials, Erection (Including Civil Works), Testing and Commissioning (on Turnkey Basis) and associated 400KV & 220KV Transmission Lines **(BN No.- 9019002102 & UBN No. VPN2122WLOB00193)** are invited from interested bidders upto 06.00 PM on 26.07.2021 respectively.
Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state; and **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl** departmental website.
RRVPN/TR-5150/2021 Raj.Samwad/C/21/1711
Superintending Engineer (Contracts-II), Jaipur

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: LSA4A/SVP-HOSPITALS/2021-22/730 Date: 28.05.2021
ABSTRACT "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)
Bids in two covers are invited through e-Procurement Portal (Website URL: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) for the work of **"Providing 2Nos. Ward boy & 8 Nos. Aaya to KPCL hospitals at Kargal, Jog and Gerusoppa of Sharavathy Valley Project for a period of two years."** Estimated Value: **Rs: 43,94,928/-** Inclusive of GST. Last date and time for online Submission of Tenders: **16.06.2021up to 16:00Hrs.** Date and time of opening the Technical Bid: **18.06.2021 at 16.00Hrs.** Further information if required can be obtained from office of the **Chief Engineer (O&M) Sharavathy, KPCL, Jogfalls - 577 435, Sagar Taluk, Shimoga District. Phone: 08186-244723 or HP Help Desk No.: 080-25501216 / 25501227.**

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KRCL has published **Employment Notification No. CO/P-R/03/2021 dated 24/05/2021** for the post of Dy. Chief Engineer (Design) on regular basis. **No. of Post:** 01. Notification is open up to **17:30 hrs.** of **23/06/2021.** Candidates may see the details of notification, eligibility criteria etc., on the KRCL website **www.konkanrailway.com** at the **link > Recruitment > Current Notification** and apply accordingly.
Chief Personnel Officer

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
E-procurement T.No.SE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/07/2021-22, Dated: 31-5-2021
Online tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur from the registered civil/fabrication (steel structure) contractors for cosntruction of Multi Purpose Facilitation Centers (500/1000MT Capacity Godowns) along with drying yards at RBK level for **Rs.297,47,86,432/-** approximately in two packages i.e., (i) Vijayawada Division (East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna Districts) & (ii) Kadapa Division (Chittoor, Kurnool, Kadapa and Ananthapuram Districts). Eprocurement site opens on **Dt.3-6-2021 at 4.00 P.M.** Any other information can be had from the **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or from the office of the Superintending Engineer(AM) Guntur. Contact Nos.**9182361421, 9182361199.**
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM),
O/o. Commissioner and Director of Agrl. Marketing, Govt. of A.P, Guntur

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(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL OF GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA)
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT, Theni District
TENDER NOTICE No.3154/2020/D4 Dated : 31.05.2021
(RE-TENDER)
SCPAR 2020-2021
Construction of Panchayat Union Office building in Theni and Bodinayakkanur Blocks @ Theni District
FORM OF CONTRACT : ITEM RATE TWO COVER SYSTEM - PACKAGEWISE
1. The e-bid documents can also be downloaded free of cost from **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **01.06.2021** to **30.06.2021**
2. Important dates

1	Last date and time for downloading of bid documents	30.06.2021 - up to 3.00 P.M.
2	Last Date and time for online submission of bid documents	30.06.2021 - up to 4.00 P.M.
3	Date and Time for online opening of bid documents	30.06.2021 - 4.00 PM

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
DIPR/1653/TENDER/2021
Project Director, DRDA - Theni

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS'SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED
INDUSTRIAL AREA, PB NO:120, B.M ROAD, HASSAN-573201
TELEPHONES: 08172-240631 FAX:08172- 240640 Email:hamul77@yahoo.co.in
NO: HCMU / GM (T)/ TRNS-TENDER /1322 /2021-22 Date : 27.05.2021.
INVITATION FOR e-TENDER (IFT)
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER
(Two cover system through e-procurement portal only)
Hassan Co-operative Milk Producers' Societies Union Limited (HCMPSUL) invites Tenders from eligible Transporters through e-procurement for transportation of SMP, WMP & Butter From Mother Dairy –Bangalore, NHTPP (KMF) –Channarayapattana Hassan (D), NHMPP Ramanagara Powder Plant(KMF) -Ramanagara, Mandya dairy, Gejjalagere Mandya, Parag dairy Palmner AP, Parag dairy Manchar -MH, Heritage dairy –chitoor (dist) AP, SKA Dairy salem, SKA dairy Krishnageri Thally – TN, Farmgate Dairy –AP, Ongole Dairy Ongole –AP, Cavincare Dairy Mtlampadi –TN, Warna dairy Warna –MH, Indapur dairy Indapur –MH and Swaraj dairy, satara(d)-MH TO Atharwas gowdon-Dobbaspet, Nelmangala , Snowman cold storage Hosakote / Spar cold storage Hosakote / Indicold cold storage Mahadevpur -Bangalore, Atharwas gowdon Hassan, Sri Rajeswari dairy (SRDP) Kottakota Hyderababad, M/S Bairaweshwara cool Point-Chalaghatta (V), Kengeri(H) Bangalore (south-74) and Hassan Dairy -Hassan for a period of one year.
Prescribed EMD Amount is Rs. 100000 /-
Access to E-tender Document: From : 01.06.2021 to 20.06.2021 04.00 PM
Last date and time for submission of E-tender Document: 23.06.2021 up to 03.00 PM.
Date of opening of Tech. Tender: 29.06.2021. 4:00 PM
Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/.** Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address HCMPSUL will not be responsible for server/website problems if any, late submission/part submission or non-receipt of the same. The Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.
Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

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NO.8, MAYOR SATHYAMOORTHY ROAD, CHETPET, CHENNAI-600031
दूरभाष सं./Phone No : 044-28361120 ई-मेल/E-mail : srmtn.fci@gov.in
निविदा सूचना / TENDER NOTICE
FCI invites bids for sale of Wheat and Rice at "One India One rate"under OMSS(D) from Bulk Consumersin Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (UT) who are already empanelled with FCI through **E- Auction platform of mjunction services limited. The reserve prices of Food grains are as under;**

S.No.	Food grain variety and Crop year	Reserve Price
1	Wheat URS of RMS 2019-20	Rs. 1800/- per Quintal (Pan India)
2	Wheat URS of RMS 2020-21	Rs.2000/- per Quintal (Pan India)
3	FAQ Wheat all crop year except of RMS 2021-22	Rs. 2100/- per Quintal (Pan India)
4	Wheat FAQ of RMS 2021-22	Rs. 2150/- per Quintal (Pan India)
5	Rice all crop years	Rs. 2000/- per Quintal (Pan India) for State and Central Govt. Schemes/ Programmes.

The tenders for sale of Rice and Wheat will be floated on **28th May 2021, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of June 2021** and bids are to be made **between 11.00 am to 2.00 pm on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of June 2021.** Details regarding the tender and empanelment are available in the website **https://www.valuejunction.in/fci**.
For further details contact Manager (Commercial), Mobile No: 7012944421/ Landline Number: 044-28361120.
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General Manager (TN)
FCI, Regional Office, Chennai-31

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division, P.U. Building, 9th Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 001.
No.EE/SN/TEND/01/2021-22 Date: 29-05-2021
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Call-2)
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More than one-third of the world's heat deaths each year are due directly to global warming, according to the latest study to calculate the human cost of climate change. But the findings in *Nature Climate Change* suggest that the figure is only a sliver of climate's overall toll — even more people die from other extreme weather amplified by global warming such as storms, flooding and drought.

(L-R clockwise) Lucy and Tim Hawking stand with the wheelchair used by their late father Professor Stephen Hawking, a letter and a bet made by Hawking and Kip Thorne with John Preskill on whether information can be recovered from a black hole, and examples of Professor Stephen Hawking's work, Black Hole Explosions | AP

HAWKING MEMORABILIA

SCIENCE

LONDON'S Science Museum and the Cambridge University library have acquired a large collection of items belonging to late physicist Stephen Hawking, from his personalized wheelchairs to landmark papers on theoretical physics and his scripts from his appearance on "The Simpsons"

The entire contents of Hawking's office at Cambridge will be preserved as part of the collection belonging to the Science Museum Group.

Hawking studied for his PhD at Cambridge and later became the university's Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, the same post that Isaac Newton held from 1669 to 1702.

CANCELLING TAX

The institutions' acceptance of Hawking's archive and office meant that his estate settled 4.2 million pounds ($5.9 million) in inheritance tax. This was done through a UK government plan which allows those who have such tax bills to pay by transferring important cultural, scientific or historic objects to the nation. Artefacts accepted under the plan are allocated to public collections and available for all

Singapore to vaccinate children against Covid

City state goes against WHO recommendation on kids' inoculation

MEDICINE

SINGAPORE will start vaccinating schoolchildren against the coronavirus soon, the prime minister said Monday, after officials warned that new strains were affecting youngsters more.

This goes against the World Health Organization's recommendation to donate surplus shots to other countries rather than vaccinate children. A handful of developed countries such as the US, Germany and Canada are set to vaccinate their kids. Media reports said some Gulf nations too have begun administering doses to children.

The city state recently tightened curbs following a slight uptick in cases, after months of reporting barely any local transmissions.

This included closing schools amid signs that new variants, such as the one first detected in India, were affecting children in greater numbers.

In a televised speech, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced school students aged 12 and over will be the next group to be inoculated.

A file image of a classroom in Singapore | AFP

Health regulators approved the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds this month. It was previously only allowed for those aged 16 and above. "In this latest outbreak, we have seen more cases of children getting infected, in schools and tuition centres," Lee said.

"The children were not seriously ill, but parents are naturally worried. Therefore, we will take advantage of the June holidays to vaccinate students."

The city's more than 400,000 students can start booking vaccinations from Tuesday, with the first slots available Thursday, officials said.

After schoolchildren, officials will inoculate adults 39 years and younger -- the final group that needs to be vaccinated in the prosperous city-state of 5.7 million.

Lee also said Singapore looked on track to be able to ease its latest restrictions after June 13, as planned, as local transmissions steadily fall. The curbs include a two-person limit on gatherings and ban on dine-ins.

By global standards, Singapore's overall outbreak has been mild.

'UK in early stage of 3rd wave due to B.1.617 strain'

HEALTH

LONDON: An eminent Indian-origin scientist advising the British government has warned that there are signs that the UK is in the early stages of a third wave of coronavirus infections and urged Prime Minister Boris Johnson to delay the planned June 21 reopening of the country by a few weeks, according to a media report on Monday.

Professor Ravi Gupta of the University of Cambridge, who is a member of the government's New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group (Nervtag), said although new cases were "relatively low" the B.1.617 variant of the Covid-19 had fuelled "exponential growth", the *BBC* reported.

Prof Gupta said the UK was already in a third wave of infections and at least three-quarters of cases were the new variant first discovered in India.

Prof Adam Finn, another leading scientific adviser to the government, also urged caution over the June 21 date for easing restrictions.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

A peacock uses a zebra crossing to get to the other side of a road at Panayara near Varkala in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala | BP DEEPU

Reducing stay in ICUs

Inserting breathing tubes early may reduce Covid-19 patients' ICU stay by a week, as per a systematic review and meta-analysis of 69 studies. The study, led by researchers at McMaster University and the University of Toronto in Canada, looked at tracheostomies, which are a procedure that helps patients breathe through tubes, the Daily Mail reported. The findings, published in *JAMA Otolaryngology*.

BLIND CLIMBER OF EVEREST

A Chinese climber who became the first blind Asian to scale Mount Everest says he aims to climb the highest peaks on all seven continents and then travel to the North and South Poles. Zhang Hong, 44, is also the third blind climber internationally to reach the world's highest peak. Following his guides and Sherpas, he reached the summit on May 24 and returned safely to Kathmandu. He said on Monday that he was inspired by a blind American climber, Eric Weihenmayer.

PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS

Enticements offered to battle vaccine hesitancy

MEDICINE

EVEN as many countries around the world struggle to secure vaccine doses, in other places, governments, companies and causes have had to entice hesitant citizens to get jabbed. Here are some of the most notable -- and bizarre – inducements on offer:

High flying

Australia's largely Covid-free status and concerns about side effects from the AstraZeneca vaccine have led to some reluctance among the general public.

So local airline Qantas has stepped in with prizes for the vaccinated in a bid to try to up the immunity rate -- which is currently 2% -- and allow the firm to get back to business.

"We are going to offer ten mega prizes, at least one for each state and territory, where a family of four get unlimited travel on the Qantas and Jetstar network, anywhere in the network for a year," CEO Alan Joyce told local media on Monday. The downside is that options are limited, as Australia's international borders -- with the sole exception of New Zealand -- are closed indefinitely.

High rise

To the north, reluctant Hong Kongers have been given a million-dollar reason to roll up their sleeves. Property tycoons in the world's most unaffordable housing market are offering up a brand new flat in a vaccine lottery. Worth HK$10.8 million (US$1.4 million), the one-bedroom apartment will be the lucky draw's grand prize. Only permanent residents are eligible. Rampant distrust of the government, combined with a lack of urgency in a comparatively virus-free city, has led to hesitancy and a lagging vaccination drive.

A whole bouquet of gifts

Nowhere has embraced enticement strategies quite like the United States, where it is possible to get free doughnuts, baseball tickets, groceries and even savings bonds with your jab.

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DAY'S DIARY

The Deccan Queen

The introduction of Deccan Queen between Pune and Mumbai on June 1, 1930, was a major landmark in the history of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway

DELUXE TRAIN

This was the first deluxe train introduced on the railway to serve two important cities of the region and was named after Pune, which is also known as 'Queen of Deccan'

THE DESIGN

Initially, the train was introduced with two rakes of seven coaches each, painted in silver with scarlet mouldings, and the other with royal blue with gold lines

RUNNING NOW

At present, Deccan Queen runs with 17 coaches, including four AC chair car, one Buffet Car, 10-second class chair car and two-second class-cum-brake vans

STARTUP WATCH

BACKSTORY
Wildermart is a Bengaluru-based e-commerce startup founded by former corporate banker Shweta Thakur and serial entrepreneur Swaroop Mohan in April 2021. They sell 'clean consumables' like groceries, personal care products, staples and morel aimed at be clean, green and earth friendly consumption

FINANCE FUNDA
They are bootstrapped till date with an amount of over `10 million

USP
According to the founders, a large part of these products (staples, fruits and veggies) are delivered plastic-free on an electric vehicle. Some of other categories include plant-based dairies, plastic alternative products, and meat alternative products which offer a holistic solution for better and cleaner consumption without damaging the environment

TARGET AUDIENCE
These products are targeted at consumers who are health and environment conscious. The founders also believe in expanding their base to those who are aware of climate change and current health issues.

Swaroop Mohan and Shweta Thakur

Of better times

Social media is filled with throwback photographs from the pre-Covid era, as people feel nostalgia for what seems like a thing of the past. One image in particular that caught our attention was that of model Nicole Faria in a pink velvet outfit. "Throwback to better times," she captioned the post. Here's hoping for some better times in the near future.

Harshita and Yash | PIC: THE CANDID THEORY

WAITING TO VOW

To-be-wed couples are anxiously waiting for their happy ever after, with some even pushing their wedding ceremonies to later dates in light of the second wave

SIMRAN AHUJA

LIKE any other to-be bride, Yamini Parwal would have liked to have all the preparations for her big day planned to a T. But due to the Covid-19 scenario, Parwal is just playing things by ear for her wedding, slated to take place on July 1. "My fiancé, Kunal Biyani, is from Mumbai, as are many of my relatives. So, we wanted the wedding to take place there as well. Two hundred guests have now come down to 50, and we're unsure about even those as we wait to see what the situation is like closer to the date," says Parwal, a city-based chartered accountant.

They decided on the date in December last year, when things were looking hopeful. "We had vaccines and restrictions were easing. But in April we started to realise we might not be able to go ahead with the wedding we both wanted."

Parwal is not the only one. The unprecedented nature of the second wave has left many couples uncertain about when they will tie the knot. The owner of a wedding venue *CE* spoke to called May and June "dead months", since all the events planned for those months have had to be suspended.

"We can't push our clients to confirm other dates because many of them either got Covid or knew someone in their family who has it, and they just had no idea themselves about the wedding. They need time to cope with this first," says the owner, who wished to remain anonymous.

Two weeks before D-Day, Harshita Jain and Yash Sankhlecha had to move their wedding from April 30 to possibly November as Jain and her family tested positive for Covid.

"We got first-hand experience of how terrible the virus can be. With the quarantine ending on the day of the wedding, we decided to push the wedding until further notice. Even though we have recovered now, it just doesn't feel like the time for us to have a celebration," says 24-year-old Jain.

The excitement of a wedding turns into stress if it has to be postponed. "The first time you confirm the venue, caterer, photographer etc according to your choice but the second time, you're checking with everyone to see if they're available for the new dates. It's a lot more stressful," says **Vithika Agarwal**, managing partner at Divya Vithika Wedding Planners, who has also seen all her events for May cancelled.

"Most are cancelling weddings in early June too, while other couples are on edge especially if their wedding is in later part of June," she adds.

While the wedding is more intimate than what Parwal imagined, she still does hope it goes through for the original date of July 1. "We don't know what's in store for us later on either. And I'd like to start my new life with my fiancé, even if it's on a smaller scale for now," says Parwal, who will take a final call on the number of guests closer to the wedding.

Kunal and Yamini | PIC: RISHAB KHETPALIA

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Yamini Parwal, bride-to-be

GOING LOW-KEY AT HOME

Influenced by the pandemic, big fat Indian wedding, is not so big anymore. In June last year, BharatMatrimony launched 'HomeWeddings' on MatrimonyBazaar, to provide to-be brides and grooms Covid-safe wedding services like catering, makeup, purohits, and more at the doorstep, to help couples happily, and safely, tie the knot. The service was launched to the public, and not just BharatMatrimony members.

'SIMPLE IS THE WAY TO GO'

Says Pranitha Subhash, who tied the knot with businessman Nitin Raju in an intimate wedding on May 30

A SHARADHAA

Owing to the lockdown and the Covid situation, South Indian and Bollywood actor Pranitha Subhash tied the knot with businessman Nitin Raju in a private ceremony on May 30.

The actor, who made her mark in Sandalwood with *Porki*, made an official announcement the next day.

"We wanted to have a grand wedding... the one that every couple dreams of. I also wanted to invite my colleagues from the Kannada industry and my Bollywood co-stars, from Shilpa Shetty to everyone... We were just waiting for this situation to die down, but eventually, with ashaada (the 9th month in the Hindu calendar) approaching in July we decided to tie the knot," says Pranitha, who is also a known name in the Telugu and Tamil film industries.

After the wedding though, she says, "I realised, simple is the way to go. Moreover, I am pretty private, and Covid-19 rules made it more intimate."

Pranitha says that although her wedding is a celebration precious to her, she was not keen on putting up pictures. "Covid is serious, and so many people have lost their loved ones. We didn't want to be insensitive and post the pictures. But I think a guest put them up and it just went viral. After that I put up a note. It wasn't a secret wedding, but an intimate one," she says.

The couple stuck to the rules, and held the wedding at their house on the outskirts of Bengaluru with a limited number of guests. "At the end of it, we loved it this way. A small wedding with family was quite enjoyable," she says.

Pranitha, who is set to star in Hungama 2, says she had an arranged-cum-love marriage. "I have known him for a long time, but taking forward our life together was recently decided," she says.

At the end of it, we loved it this way. A small wedding with family was quite enjoyable. I realised, simple is the way to go...

—Pranitha Subhash

Pranitha Subhash and Nitin Raju

Sixty artistes from across Karnataka are organising a 12-hour marathon fundraiser event to raise money for Covid relief

Show for a cause

SANATH PRASAD

THE damage wrought by the pandemic has been extensive, even though cases in Bengaluru at least, appear to be receding. With this in mind, 60 artistes from across Karnataka are connecting virtually for a marathon entertainment session on June 5 to raise funds for Covid relief.

It has been organised by Srinivas Bindiganavale and Ganesh Papanna from film production company Purple Rock Entertainers, Geeth Jason Vaz and Charan Ramesh from content development firm Multibox Entertainment, along with Tharlebox, a popular YouTube channel. Participating artistes for the 12-hour event, titled Live of Karnataka span genres. It will be telecast on Tharlebox.

"This show is by Kannadigas for the people of Karnataka. The proceeds of these events are primarily aimed at helping daily wage workers of the film industry, and also to common folk. We have signed up with a trust through which we will reach out to those in need," says Bindiganavale.

Actor Aryaan Santhosh, plans to talk about motivation and trying to keep a positive attitude, along with sharing some fun anecdotes. "I think this is making use of digital media to the fullest - connecting people for a good cause during these dark times. The industry has been shut for a long time now and technicians have reached out to me asking for help. This initiative will definitely serve as a breather for them and also those in dire need of help in the state," he says.

(From left) Srinivas Bindiganavale, Ganesh Papanna, Geeth Jason Vaz, Ajay Apparoop and Yateesh Venkatesh

Stand-up comic Pavan Venugopal says the initiative they are attempting is one of a kind in the state.

"It will surely keep the audience engaged with fun and joy for 12 hours. I will be performing a round table conversation centred around comedy on lockdown and its lifestyle. These days I am ensuring I participate in every event or initiative that is part of Covid 19 relief work," he says.

The 12-hour event will have 15 30-minute sessions. Popular Kannada reality show contestants like Shamanth Gowda, Arvind KP, Manju Pavgada among others will perform a show combining dance, music and comedy. TV personality Anupama Gowda, film director and radio jockey Mayura Raghavendra, TV personality Bhuvan Ponnanna, digital content creator Shruthi will engage viewers with positive conversations, entertainment and more. Singers Raghu Dixit, Vasu Dixit and others will entrall audiences with music.

"Our purpose is to connect with and reach out to many people to work for a healthy and positive environment around us with 12-hours of non-stop entertainment," says Bindiganavale.

It will surely keep the audience engaged with fun and joy for 12 hours. I will be performing a round table conversation centred around comedy on lockdown and its lifestyle

Pavan Venugopal, Stand-up comic

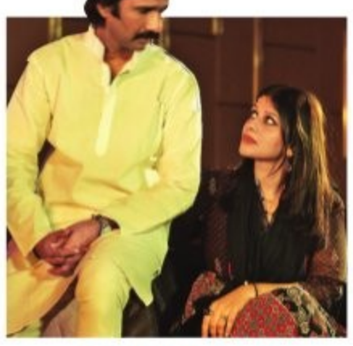
CITY READ

Talk on rural India and agriculture

Bangalore International Centre's BIC Streams platform will be hosting a session on rural India and agriculture. Three speakers - R Ramakumar, a professor at School of Development Studies, TISS; Aparajita Bakshi, a development economist; and Madhura Swaminathan, a professor and head of the Economic Analysis Unit, Indian Statistical Institute - will discuss different themes pertaining to agriculture. The talk will take place on June 3 at 6.30pm.

SOUND OF MUSIC

The Indian Music Experience (IME) will be hosting CollabConversation - a new series of conversations that explores musical collaborations in the contemporary Indian music scene. The event will feature singer-songwriter Mali collaborating with Indo-Canadian producer Arnob Bal, to produce the album *Caution to the Wind*. **When:** June 5 **Details:** IME Facebook page



PLAY TIME

Qadir Ali Baig Theatre Foundation is streaming their play *Alone*. Set in the recent lockdown, the story is about yesteryear movie star Asha, who looks back at her unusual journey. The play is produced by Begum Razia Baig and directed by Mohammad Ali Baig. **When:** June 3 **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

SHOW TIME

Watch *Cross Connection*, a story of two strangers, connected through a wrong number. One, a thief planning a bank heist, and another, a migrant labourer in desperate need of funds. With more twists and turns, this film can get you on the edge of your seat **When:** June 12 onwards **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

FOLK MUSIC

Folk artistes from Jaisalmer are presenting *Rhythm of Desert* a concert centred around soulful and authentic folk music. The virtual event is a fund-raiser to support folk artistes from the Langa, Manganiyar, Bhatt, Bhopa, Kalbeliya Rajasthani communities in the Jaisalmer region. **When:** June 5 **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

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Sign up for a live magic show featuring magician Karan Singh as he attempts to read your mind and deal with mentalism. Watch out, as he might also find out some personal details through his mind-reading skills **When:** June 4 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

GAME ON

Wake up the escape artiste in you to wade through the set of traps and obstacles ahead of you. Sign up for Haunted House- Online Escape Room, and enjoy getting rid of the odds lying ahead in the virtual game. **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Covid Care Meals

Gawky Goose-Kitchen and Bar has launched 'care meals' for those affected by COVID-19 and are quarantined or isolated at home without a helping hand to cook. The meal box will provide healthy and balanced meals like rice, chapati, curry and much more. **To place orders call:** 9901787273

ONLINE PLAY

As a part of Ranga Shankara's online programme, watch *I Madhav Baug*, a play featuring veteran actor Revathy in a solo piece. The story is of a mother coming to terms with her college-going son's sexuality. The play is written by Chetan Datar and is directed by Mariam Jetpurwala. **When:** Till June 9 **Details:** insider.in

Acting Workshop

Flux Bengaluru is organising a theatre workshop for aspiring actors. The workshop introduces participants to the basic elements of theatre and master classes which will be focusing on components like mind, body and voice. **When:** June 5 onwards **Details:** bookmyshow.com Youtube

QUICK FIX

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BABY MANGO LEAF CHUTNEY

INGREDIENTS

- **Baby mango leaves:** 5 ■ **Ginger:** 1 small piece
- **Shallots:** 5, small ■ **Green chilli:** 1 small (adjust to taste)
- **Curry leaves:** 5 leaves ■ **Salt** to taste
- **Grated coconut:** 1/2 cup

METHOD

- Grind all ingredients together without adding water.
- Add a few drops of coconut oil to enhance the taste after grinding.

— Anshiya K, Kochi

FIT BIT

MANDUKI MUDRA
(FROG GESTURE)

In Sanskrit, 'manduki' means frog and 'mudra' means gesture. It is a seated yogic gesture that employs use of the whole body. There are several benefits of this mudra, which include promoting youthfulness, rejuvenating the body and promoting overall health. Mental health benefits include calming the mind, promoting awareness and preparing the mind for meditation. This mudra activates the Muladhara (root) Chakra, which is associated with positive perception, vigour, vitality and development of one's personality. It works on improving your abdomen functionalities.

STEPS

- Sit comfortably in Vairasana or Bhadrasana.
- Take a few deep and slow breaths to relax your body.
- Make sure you separate your two legs. Take your feet apart as much as possible.
- Your perineum should touch the yoga mat. You can use a cushion or blanket under the buttocks to support, if necessary.
- Keep your body straight and relaxed. Keep your eyes and mouth closed.
- Now, rotate the tongue and touch the soft palate.
- This will help stimulate the penial gland in the brain which is responsible for involuntary actions.
- Stay in this mudra for about 3-5 minutes depending on your physical fitness and body flexibility.
- Reaping the benefits from this Mudra will take a lot of effort and time and comes with regular meditation practice.

BENEFITS

- Rejuvenates our mental and physical health and provides a calm and composed state of mind.
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— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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A brother and a sister, a warrior monk and a ranger, born in the lineage of Shatanika, one of the sons of the mighty Pandavas. They are on a quest to erase a curse upon their family. Nothing about this adventure will be easy.
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A story telling podcast for kids, hosted by Eshwari, a grandmother, who is interested in narrating beautiful stories for kids.
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A young gangster becomes infamous for his criminal activities in Andhra Pradesh. But things change when he falls in love with his childhood friend.
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Shiva, a florist's son, grows up to become a gangster. After his father is murdered, he sets out to take revenge against the culprits.
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Kempe Gowda, an honest police officer and a people's man, takes on a gangster, Armugam. However, the mafia leader has close connections with the bureaucrats, which keeps him safe against the law.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Ravishankar, Ragini Dwivedi

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Sanjay and Nitya fall in love with each other despite facing opposition from their peers. They soon become intimate and Nitya gets pregnant, which causes problems in their lives.
- Cast: Prakhyuth Paramesh, Achyuth Kumar, Chikkanna

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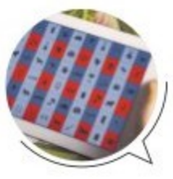
1 HOW I TURNED A DEADLY PLANT INTO A THRIVING BUSINESS BY ACHENYO IDACHABA

The water hyacinth may look like a harmless, even beautiful flowering plant — but it's actually an invasive aquatic weed that clogs waterways, stopping trade, interrupting schooling and disrupting everyday life. In this scourge, green entrepreneur Achenyo Idachaba saw opportunity.



2 HOW SOUND CAN HACK YOUR MEMORY WHILE YOU SLEEP BY GREG GAGE

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While stress has been made into a public health enemy, new research suggests that stress may only be bad for you if you believe that to be the case. Psychologist Kelly McGonigal urges us to see stress as a positive, and introduces us to an unsung mechanism for stress reduction: reaching out to others.

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Could the strange orbits of small, distant objects in our solar system lead us to a big discovery? Planetary astronomer Mike Brown proposes the existence of a new, giant planet lurking in the far reaches of our solar system.

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ARISHADVARGA (Kannada)

An aspiring actor doubling as an amateur gigolo gets caught up in a sticky situation after accepting a surprise gift from an anonymous client. Cast: Sumyuktha Hornad, Anju Alva Naik
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

INSPECTOR VIKRAM (Kannada)

Vikram, a police officer, strives hard to solve every case that comes his way. However, things take a turn when he encounters a criminal mastermind who runs an illegal drug operation.
Cast: Prajwal Devaraj, Bhavana
- Watch on Sunnxt

HERO (Kannada)

A barber stumbles upon his ex-lover in the home of a notoriously bloodthirsty gang leader. Misadventures ensue when he tries to help her escape with the gangster's men in hot pursuit. Cast: Rishab Shetty, Pramod Shetty
- Watch on: Zee 5

BOMBAY BEGUMS (Hindi, series)

Five ambitious women from various walks of life navigate dreams, desires and disappointments in modern-day Mumbai.
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EK MINI KATHA (Telugu)

Santhosh, a youth who is struggling with 'Micro Penis Syndrome' marries Amrutha in an unavoidable situation but continues to postpone their first night nuptials. He comes across a Godwoman who has a herbal medicine to address his problem.
Cast: Santosh Shoban, Kavya Thapar, Harsha Vardhan, Shraddha Das
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

ANGREZI MEIN KEHTE HAIN (Hindi)

Yashwant, a middle-aged man, refrains from expressing his love for his wife, Kiran. As a result, their relationship develops cracks and they decide to part ways.
Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Shivani Raghuvanshi, Anshuman Jha, Sanjay Mishra
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

MOHAN KUMAR FANS (Malayalam)

An ex-superstar's chauffeur, friends and family go to great lengths to keep him happy.
Cast: Anarkali Nazar, Kunchako Boban, Vinay Forrt
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

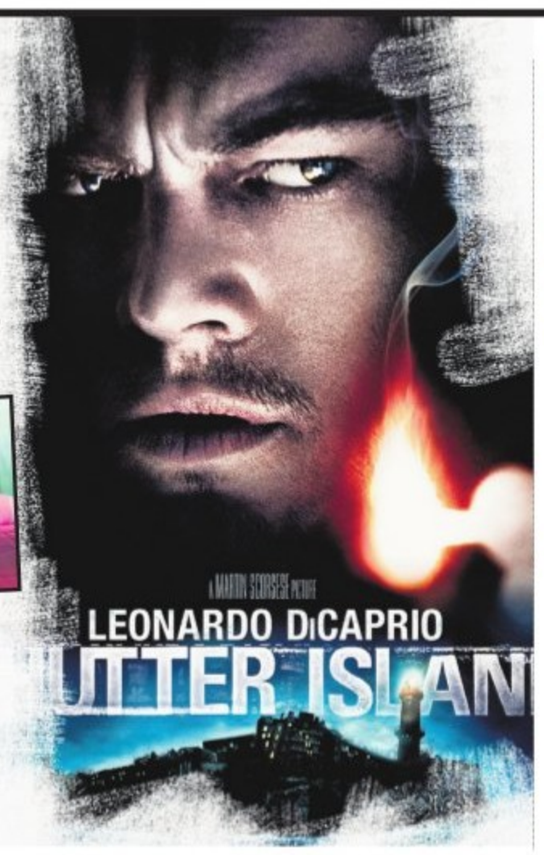
FOREIGN

SHUTTER ISLAND (English)

Teddy Daniels and Chuck Aule, two US marshals, are sent to an asylum on a remote island in order to investigate the disappearance of a patient, where Teddy uncovers a shocking truth about the place.
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Michelle Williams
- Watch on: Netflix

THE CLEANING LADY (Spanish, series)

Rosa works in cleaning. Your goal is to save your child. That night something strange happens and she is forced to do what she knows: clean.
Cast: Marcelo Arbach, Antonella Costa, Martín Rena
- Watch on: Lionsgate Play



SOLOS (English, series)

Character-driven stories explore the strange, beautiful, heart-breaking, hilarious, and wondrous truths behind what it means to be human.
Cast: Anne Hathaway, Hellen Mirren, Constance Wu, Morgan Freeman
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

GHOST LAB (Thai)

After witnessing a haunting in their hospital, two doctors become dangerously obsessed with obtaining scientific proof that ghosts exist.
Cast: Thanapob Leeratanakachorn, Paris Intarakomalyasut, Nuttanicha Dungwattanawanich
- Watch on: Netflix

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Netflix: ₹ 199 per month

SERVING JOY

Musician All Ok and his team have so far distributed 20,000 meals to those in need in the last two weeks

EXPRESS FEATURES

Music has been a lifeline for many in these distressing times. And while **Alok Babu R** – better known by his stage name All Ok – has always embedded social messages in his songs, he knew the need of the hour was something greater in these times. Which is why, since the past two weeks, the musician and his team of volunteers have been distributing fresh hot meals to migrant and daily wage workers.

Since they began, they've distributed 20,000 meals in parts of South Bengaluru like Anjanapura and Subramanyapura. "Team All Ok has about 150 of us and we've been a part of various social causes for a long time. We don't promote it much on social media because that was never the intention. But this time, we wanted to talk about our initiative so that more people get influenced to help out," says All Ok, a resident of South Bengaluru.

For the past few days, he has been sharing photos on his Instagram of the food donation drive, but each of them conceals the faces of the people with smiley face emojis instead. "There are two reasons for this, we want to protect their privacy, some people don't like admitting they need help. Secondly, small gestures like this can have positive impact," he says, shedding light on how the idea came to him.

The musician is known for songs like *Don't Worry* and *Happy*. Recently, he shared a video of health workers grooving to the latter in a Covid ward. "It's moving to see something like that and it inspired me to do better. If a song could help bring a smile on someone's face, something like a hot meal might help 10 times more," he says.

The team of 150 volunteers have all pooled in money and aim to keep the distribution drive going till the last of those funds run out. While the food is being prepared by cooks the team has hired, distribution is taken care of separately. Personally involved with the distribution himself, it was only recently that All Ok took a step back from being on the ground. "My wife is expecting our first baby so for her safety, I thought it's best to stay indoors. But that doesn't mean this little effort of ours will stop. My friend Naveen will help execute this and continue to distribute 750-1,000 meals a day," says the musician.

Surviving a silent city

OPEN SPACE
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Today, a colleague of mine posted on Twitter a short video of city traffic near St John's Hospital junction in Madiwala, shot sometime during relaxation hours. I found myself watching it again and again, captivated. Wedged in my apartment located on the outer edge of Bengaluru since the second wave took over, it feels as if it will take a while for me to adjust to the piercing, booming, noisy traffic once normalcy returns.

I still remember when the lockdown eased during June last year. We told each other how incredibly tough it was to see the quiet, clean streets in the city transform overnight into the smog-ridden, trash-filled, stinky nightmares they were a couple of months ago. 'Life has to go on,' someone said, smiling wistfully.

I also remember stepping into a café after so many months and the shock I felt upon seeing all the tables occupied, with so many people. Some sipped freshly brewed coffee. Some were having an animated conversation about some movie they had watched. A bunch of youngsters were making business plans. A few just sat alone and smoked. The air was a little chilly but gentle. The trees softly glowed in the dark over the street lights. It was a dizzying experience, although our masks kept reminding us where we were coming from.

'Funny how hard it is to be alone', says poet Philip Larkin in his daring poem *Vers de Société*. Holds very much true for a city like Bengaluru. We have always depended upon our little interactions with people – be it our domestic worker, our veggie seller, at the tea shop, at work, our regular watering hole, or even some random stranger on Namma Metro or a packed city bus. We Bengalureans like to shun our kitchens on weekends and eat out. We have always had poetry sessions in parks, fully occupied theatres and jams at pubs and mini breweries. We enjoy being surrounded by other people.

All that went kaput when we started avoiding the human touch due to the pandemic. "Suddenly, the basic trust holding us together was absent. There was sickness everywhere and I did not step out of my home for months because of my child, who has asthma. I avoided everyone. Even when the lockdown was eased last year, I felt so scared to step out and ordered everything online. Just when I had started easing myself into normalcy, there was the second wave," says Meghna, a techie. Sudhindra, a teacher by profession, misses teaching children in a classroom. "Nothing like a real-time interaction," he says.

Meanwhile, I keep reading travelogues, watch street food shows and people dancing outdoors. I keep recalling something French cultural theorist Jean Baudrillard said: "The city is only beautiful when the crowd invades it".

Expres Illustration

CITY READ

University distributes sanitiser, masks to underprivileged

Officials of CMR University distributed sanitiser, masks and kits of essentials consisting of groceries and other supplies to residents of the Marenahalli Gram Panchayat limits in Yelahanka taluk. This is a part of the university's Covid-19 outreach programme. The resources were directly handed over to the residents of the locality on May 30.

Institute gives out free food kits

More than 400 free food kits, sponsored by Nitte Group of Institutions, were distributed among the poor at Mylappanahalli, Yelahanka. S R Vishwanath, MLA, Yelahanka and chairman, BDA, was the chief guest of this initiative.

Food distribution drive held

BJP party workers recently distributed food to the needy in Ramaswamy Palya, ward no 62. They also created awareness among children about wearing masks.

Music for over the top platforms

TUNING IN
Bindu & Ambi Subramaniam

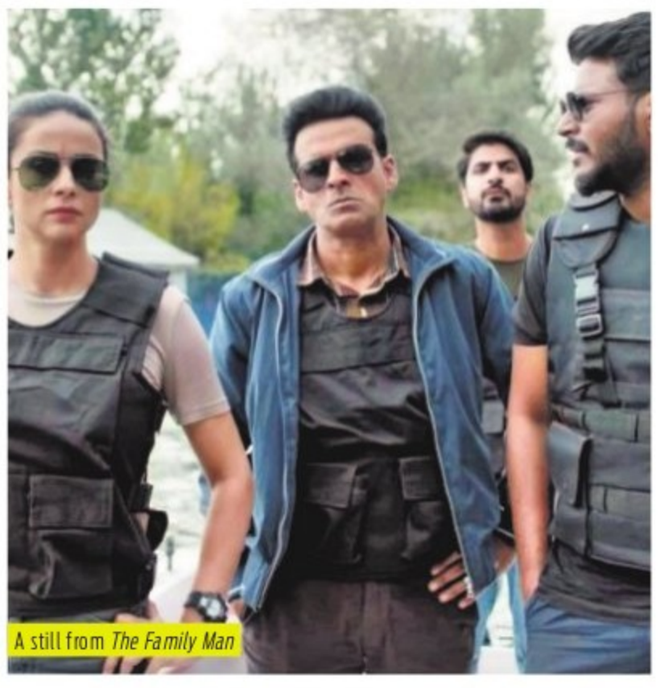
Many of us have had our initiation to Western classical music through cartoons, with shows like *Tom and Jerry*, and *Loony Toons* using rich orchestral scores as the auditory backdrop to their main characters' antics. Somehow, watching the Roadrunner and the Coyote wasn't complete without a lush string section in the background, punctuated with silly sound effects. This trend has continued over decades with placement of music in television and film (as opposed to composing music specially for TV and film).

In the early 2000s, angsty teenage shows like *the OC* and *One Tree Hill* were known for their placement of great (and usually relatively unknown) music, and music supervisors for these shows were given a lot of credit for their cult following, and simultaneously launching many musical careers.

As OTT (Over the Top) platforms like Hotstar, Amazon Prime and Netflix gain popularity in India, with Indian content, it's a great opportunity for artistes to get their music in front of newer audiences. OTT platforms are becoming even more relevant, with the Star network planning to shut down over 100 cable channels to focus on Disney+ (Disney+ Hotstar in India). Many shows like *The Family Man, Made in Heaven* and *Mirzapur* have hooked audiences with their gritty story lines and stellar productions. As these shows build cult followings, people also pay attention to the soundtracks, and often, instead of one artist composing all the songs, music supervisors find and place different (already existing) music suited for the context. Bands and artists who have been featured in popular shows have seen spikes in their following, and have been able to capitalise on their presence on OTT platforms.

For artistes who are trying to reach bigger and wider audiences (which is pretty much every artist), reaching out to production houses and music supervisors is a good way to see if you've got music that might suit the next big show on a streaming service. And if you're a person waiting to binge-watch the next season of *The Family Man*, make sure to find the artistes behind the songs.

(The authors run SaPa - the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts)



A still from *The Family Man*

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

TELLING SOLDIERS THE WAR HAS ENDED

In the middle of the Second World War, Japan's imperialist forces were everywhere in South East Asia, fighting British, American and other forces. Legend has it that at one time, somewhere in the middle of the jungles of Sumatra or some such fairly isolated place, a bunch of soldiers who were fighting some intensely pitched battles in the name of the Emperor of Japan, got separated from their battalion, and were pushed deep into the forest. These soldiers had lost their ammunition and did not have much equipment to speak of, but they had their indomitable spirit and the full faith that Japan was the very best, that it could never be conquered and that the Japanese army was ever victorious. They just needed to wait it out, take out what enemy they could with their bare hands, and just stay alive, and soon, the Japanese would be victorious and all would be well in the world.

The story goes that this intrepid bunch of soldiers continued soldiering on in the jungle without any real human contact for years and years. In that, they missed that the Americans had dropped nuclear bombs on Japan and that Japan had unconditionally surrendered. They missed that Japan became an altogether different country, with a whole different constitution and a new ethos for their armed forces never to really initiate any conflict, and these soldiers continued to be in the era that they were in, till a decade or so later, they did come out of the jungle - maybe they realized they have not heard any sounds of warfare for a long time, or saw new and strange aircraft overhead - and when they did come out, they needed to be educated about the new world order, socialize afresh and get back to living as they would.

Representative pic

This story comes to mind as so many of us are so intently isolating ourselves at this time because of fear of Covid. It is one thing if the isolation is moderated with news or the little contacts with society, but some are taking the retreat quite far, choosing not to watch TV or track news on internet because the news is all too negative, and some of them have literally fortified their homes with notices that gates are not to be touched and nobody is to ring the bell, let alone enter the premises.

When this is all quite over, will we still have some of our people who have retreated into the little private jungles of their own homes where they have denied themselves human contact, and certainly denied themselves vaccines and other care? Will we have a tough time getting them back into society, loving their neighbours instead of being wary of them, experimenting with dating and maybe falling in love? Would we have a tough time finding these soldiers who are soldiering on in their own ways and tell them that the war is over and that it is really safe out there?

Can the parts that love ourselves not be at war with loving others?

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

Dhananjay

Location hunt, a challenge for *Head Bush*

The film is based on a biopic of Bengaluru's first underworld don

CE FEATURES

Head Bush, starring Dhananjay, is a biopic on Bengaluru's first underworld don, MP Jayaraj. Written by Agni Shridhar and directed by Shoonya, the current challenge is finding suitable locations to match the period drama that is placed between the late '60s and '70s. "The kind of locations we are looking for are not available in Bengaluru. We have to look outside the city in places like Kolar and Mysuru where we plan to create an atmosphere of that period. There are also plans of erecting sets in case we can't find a particular backdrop," says the debutant director.

The gangster drama, which is going to have a pan-India appeal, managed to complete a schedule before the lockdown. The makers are yet to conduct a muhurath. Shoonya has shot the 'teenage portions and the younger version of the don character' played by Akash. It was shot in and around Guttahalli, which matched to the '60s period. "Details of it and the poster will be released," he says. The film's poster and title released in August last year, was inspired by the age-old game-Snakes and Ladders. Meanwhile, Dhananjay has been preparing for the character and plans to start shooting his portion as and when the lockdown is lifted. The actor, who has *Badava Rascal* and *Rathnan Prapancha* in Kannada, is playing a prominent role in Allu Arjun-starrer *Pushpa*. The actor, who also is making a mark in Tamil has been juggling between all these projects and is left with a few days of shoot for each film. Meanwhile, Charan Raj, who is scoring music for Head Bush, is already on the job and is said to have completed the composition of two songs.

Agni Shridhar and Shoonya

UPENDRA, GURU DESHPANDE TO JOIN HANDS FOR PROJECT

The buzz is that the actor and director are keen on associating for a commercial entertainer, and initial rounds of discussion have taken place

A SHARADHAA

WHILE Upendra's complete focus is on Covid relief at the moment, here's some news on his next project. Going by Gandhinagar buzz, *Raja Huli* director Guru Deshpande is getting ready to helm the Real Star's next big commercial flick. The inside news is that Uppi is keen to associate with the project, for which an initial round of discussion has been held. A source tells us that the director has also given a one-liner, and the project will be bankrolled under the director's production house - G Cinemas. More on this will be officially announced as and when the deal is sealed.

Post the lockdown, Upendra will resume shooting for R Chandru's *Kabzaa*. The actor is almost through with *Buddhivantha 2* and *Thrishulam*, which are currently in the post production stages. Uppi will simultaneously work on K Madesh's *Lagaam*. Meanwhile, he also has a film directed by Shashank, which has got pushed owing to the pandemic. The Real Star, who has completed shooting Telugu film *Ghani*, has also given a green signal to director Manju Mandavya for his project. The other one in Uppi's kitty is with Guru Deshpande.

Guru Deshpande, who found a success with *Raja Huli* starring Yash, has experimented with various subjects like *Rudra Tandava*, *Samhaara*, and *Padde Huli*. His first productional venture was *Gentleman*. Now, this project with Upendra will be another big-ticket film wherein he will be associating with a star once again. Currently, the director is spearheading an anthology titled *Pentagon* which brings together five directors.

Guru Deshpande

Upendra

Emma Stone shuts down rumours about starring in *Spider-Man: No Way Home*

CE FEATURES

Actor Emma Stone has denied being part of the upcoming film *Spider-Man: No Way Home*, starring Tom Holland. The Marvel Studio and Sony Pictures project will be Holland's third outing as the friendly neighbourhood hero, and there has been speculation that the film might see actors Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield reprise their previous renditions of the titular superhero.

Stone, who played Gwen Stacy in the 2012 film *The Amazing Spider-Man* and its 2014 sequel, was asked in a recent interview if she would feature in the Jon Watts directorial, which she has denied.

Andrew Garfield too shut down the rumours of his involvement a month ago saying, "ain't got a call".

There are unanswered rumours about Alfred Molina reprising his role of *Doctor Octopus* from Tobey Maguire's Spider-Man films, and Jamie Foxx returning as Electro from Garfield's *Amazing Spider-Man* films.

Spider-Man No Way Home, directed by Jon Watts, also starring Zendaya and Jacob Batalon. The film is slated to release on December 17.

Emma Stone

Kartik Aaryan dropped from Aanand L Rai's film?

CE FEATURES

Contrary to some reports, Aanand L Rai's production house has categorically denied dropping Kartik Aaryan from their next film.

A recent report claimed Kartik was in talks for a gangster film by Anand's Colour Yellow Productions. However, it was speculated that before the signing could go through, the project fell apart. This rumour came on the heels of Kartik's ouster from Dharma Production's *Dostana 2* and another supposed film named *Freddie* by Shah Rukh Khan's Red Chillies Entertainment. It also claimed Colour Yellow Productions has now approached Ayushmann Khurrana for their gangster film.

"These are baseless rumours," the banner's spokesperson said in a statement. "We've met Kartik for a different film and we're still talking. We've taken another film altogether to Ayushmann and this is a complete mix up." Kartik's next release is *Dhamaka* on Netflix. He's also the lead in *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2*. Meanwhile, in March, Aanand wrapped up his new directorial *Atrangi Re*, a love story led by Akshay Kumar, Dhanush and Sara Ali Khan.

Pranitha Subhash

'SAD THAT MY FILM WON'T SEE A THEATRE RELEASE'

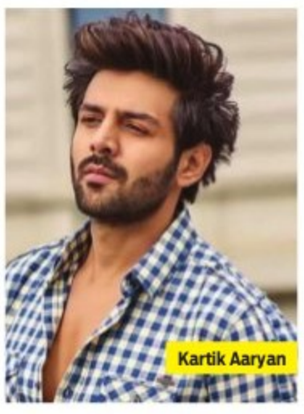
CE FEATURES

Pranitha Subhash, who has worked in Kannada, Telugu, and Tamil films, is happy to make her Bollywood debut with *Hungama 2*, which has opted for an OTT release owing to the pandemic. Directed by Priyadarshan, the film will see her sharing screen space with Meezaan Jaffrey, Paresh Rawal, and Shilpa Shetty, and will be out on Disney+ Hotstar. Talking about her first Bollywood film which won't exactly make it to the big screen, Pranitha says, "Every time this question of *Hungama 2* taking the OTT route comes up, I keep thinking how south films are celebrated in theatres with whistles, dances, and applauses from all corners. Having experienced our films in such an atmosphere, I was so looking forward to witnessing this Bollywood film on the big screen. I will miss that. I am upset that it is not going to see a theatre release."

> Pranitha Subhash on her first Bollywood film *Hungama 2* taking an OTT route and the bitter-sweet feeling of her film not being screened on the big screen

The actor is also looking forward to the release of her second Hindi film, *The Bhuj: Pride of India*. "It is a war film consisting of an ensemble cast - Ajay Devgn and Sanjay Dutt among others," says Pranitha, adding, "*Hungama 2* is more my kind of a film as it has a lot of me in it. *Bhuj* is more of a hero-centric film, a period drama typically based on the India-Pak war of 1971."

The actor has been getting a lot of queries and is in talks for a couple of Hindi projects. "Covid and the lockdown have played havoc to our lives and the entertainment world. I now have to wait to take forward discussions. I can officially announce my projects when the deal is sealed," says Pranitha, who was last seen in Kannada film *Mass Leader*. Next, the actor will be next seen in *Ramana Avatara*, featuring Rishi and Danish Sait. "We are halfway through the shooting of *Ramana Avatara*, and we have a lot of pending portions which need to be scheduled," she says.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